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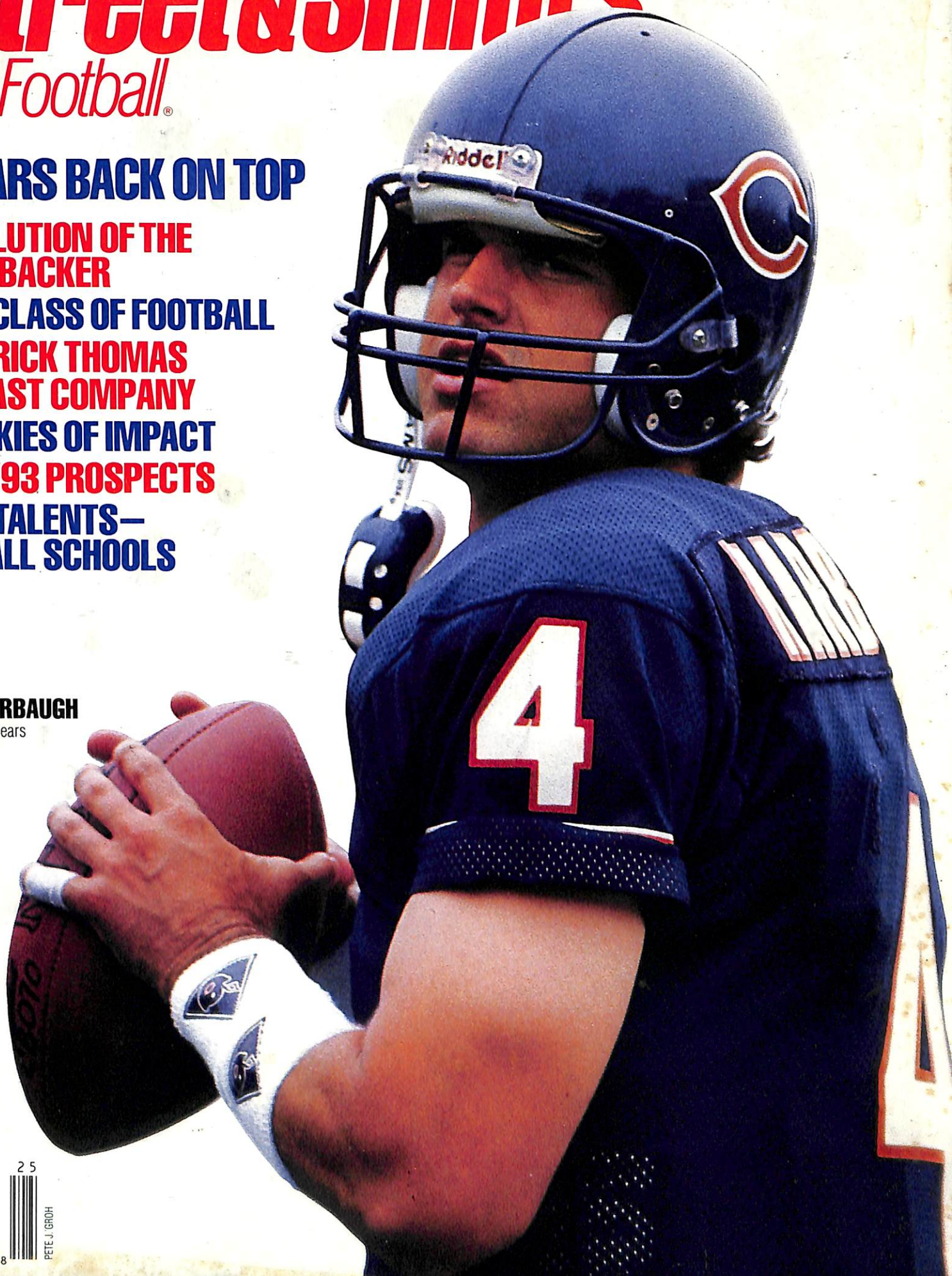
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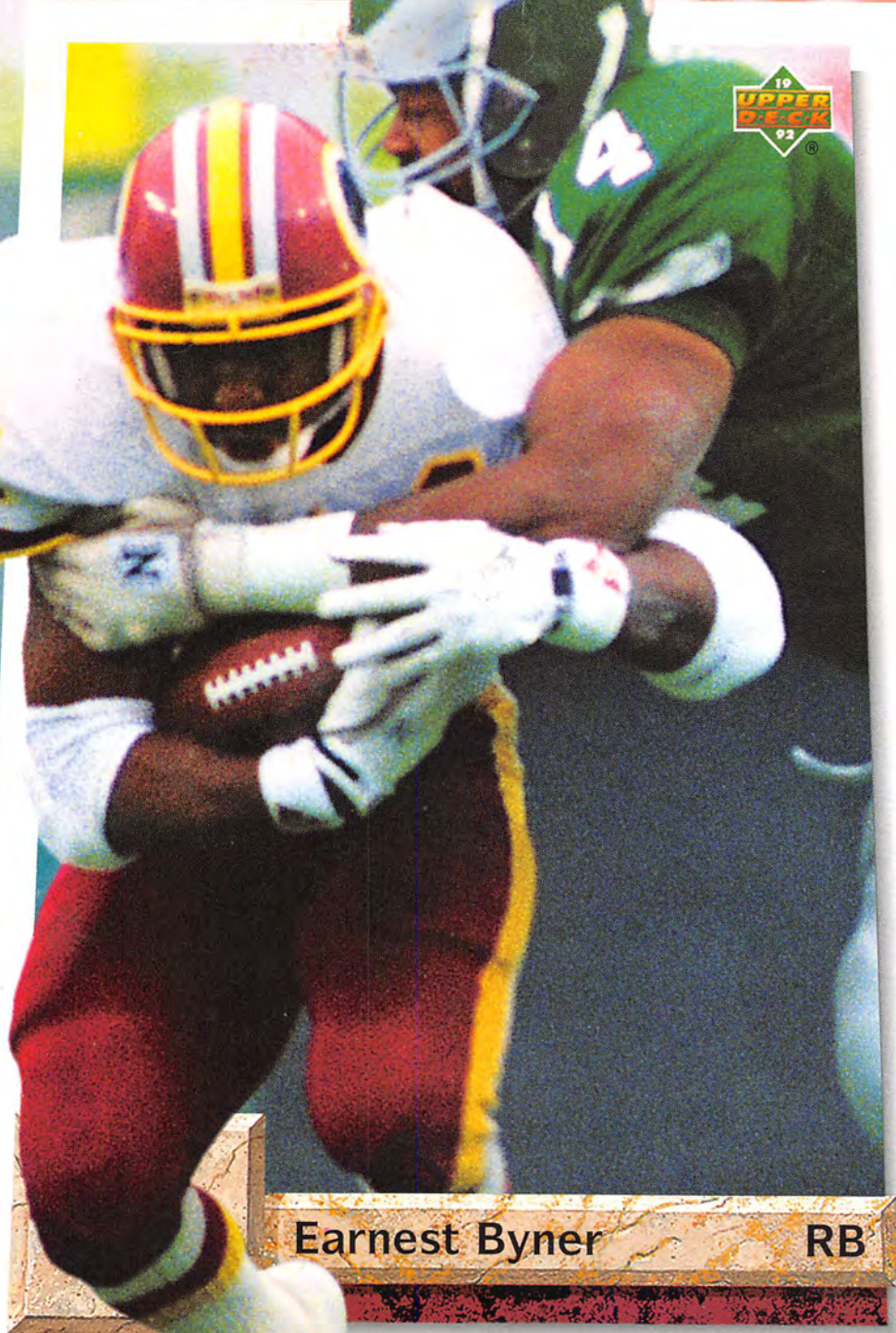
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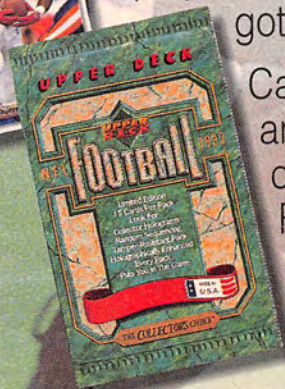
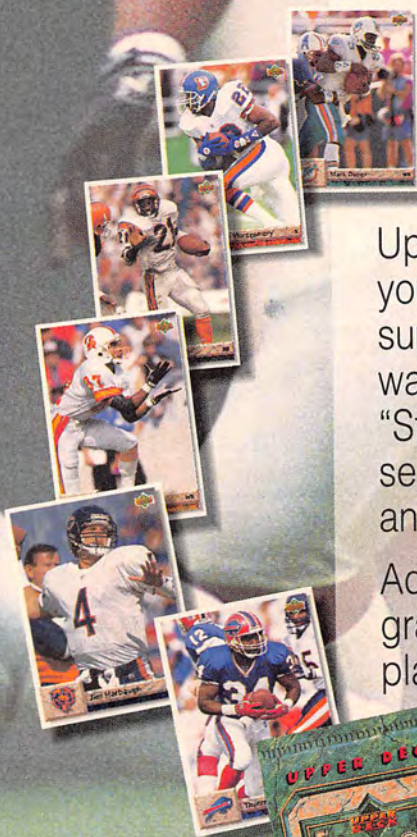
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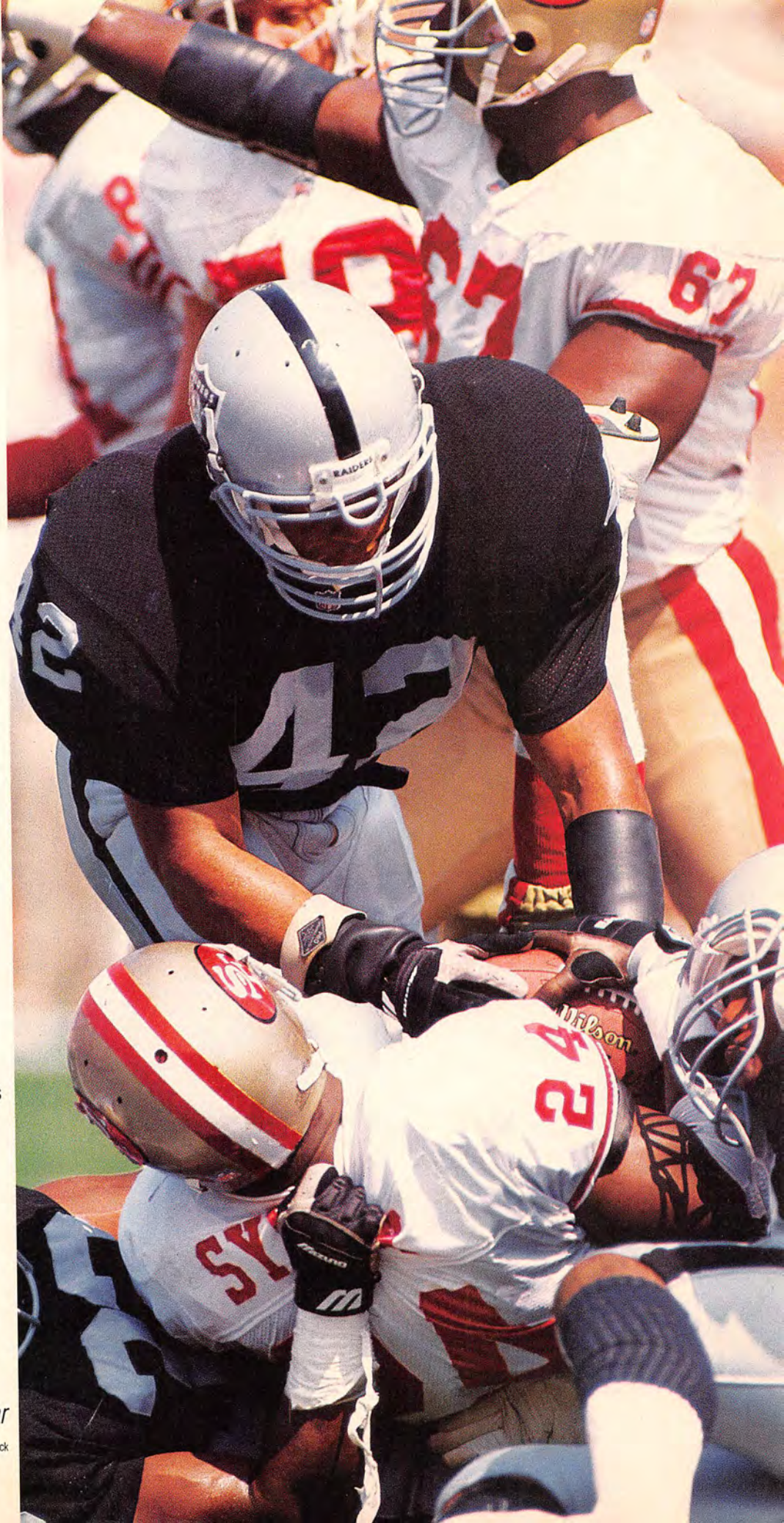
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## Letter From the Editor

● Nineteen ninety-two marks the 20th anniversary of the Miami Dolphins' perfect season. In 1972, the Dolphins became the first team in NFL history to go through the regular schedule and playoffs undefeated and untied. They recorded their 17th victory by beating the Washington Redskins, 14-7, in Super Bowl VII.

That undefeated Miami team, coached by Don Shula, featured four future Hall of Famers in quarterback Bob Griese (who was injured in Game 5 and replaced by the capable Earl Morrall), fullback Larry Csonka, wide receiver Paul Warfield, and center Jim Langer and the "No Name" defense.

In the past 20 years, a number of teams have started fast, but their efforts to duplicate the Dolphins' record have all been imperfect. In 1984, the San Francisco 49ers won the second of their four Super Bowl titles with a 38-16 victory over Miami behind MVP Joe Montana. They had only one blemish on their season, a 20-3 setback to the New Orleans Saints.

The following year, while the 49ers were slipping to 10-6, the Chicago Bears won their first 12 games en route to their first Super Bowl championship. But in a memorable Monday night game in December, they suffered their only loss of the season—to Dan Marino and the Dolphins.

A year ago, the Washington Redskins started on a high note, with a resounding 45-0 victory over the Detroit Lions, and ended with a flourish, beating Detroit, 41-10, in the NFC title game and the Buffalo Bills, 38-17, in Super Bowl XXVI. Along the way, they outscored their opponents by well over 200 points. The Redskins did lose twice, to division rivals Dallas and Philadelphia, and if Joe Gibbs's Redskins are to join the 1988-89 49ers as the only repeat champions since the 1978-79 Pittsburgh Steelers, they must first survive the NFC East, the league's toughest division a year ago.

The New York Giants switched coaches and quarterbacks but dropped to .500 a year after their second Super Bowl title. The Cowboys climbed from the bottom of the NFL all the way to the playoffs in two years, a remarkable rebuilding effort by coach Jim Johnson. Philadelphia, too, changed coaches and lost Randall Cunningham, its quarterback, in the opening game, but defense carried the Eagles. The 49ers lost Montana for the season yet they finished with six victories in a row, including a 52-14 finale over the Bears. A healthy Montana should carry San Francisco past the improving Atlanta Falcons and New Orleans Saints in the West this fall and all the way to a bid for an unprecedented fifth Super Bowl crown.

Representing the American Conference, Buffalo has lost the last two Super Bowls. That is still only half the frustration suffered by Denver, which remains a contender for the title as long as John Elway is its quarterback. Only four AFC teams have never qualified for the Super Bowl: Houston, San Diego, Cleveland, and Seattle. Make that three after Warren Moon takes the Oilers to Pasadena, where he engineered the University of Washington's Rose Bowl upset over Michigan in 1978, and tries to snap the NFC's eight-game winning streak.

*Gerard Kavanagh*

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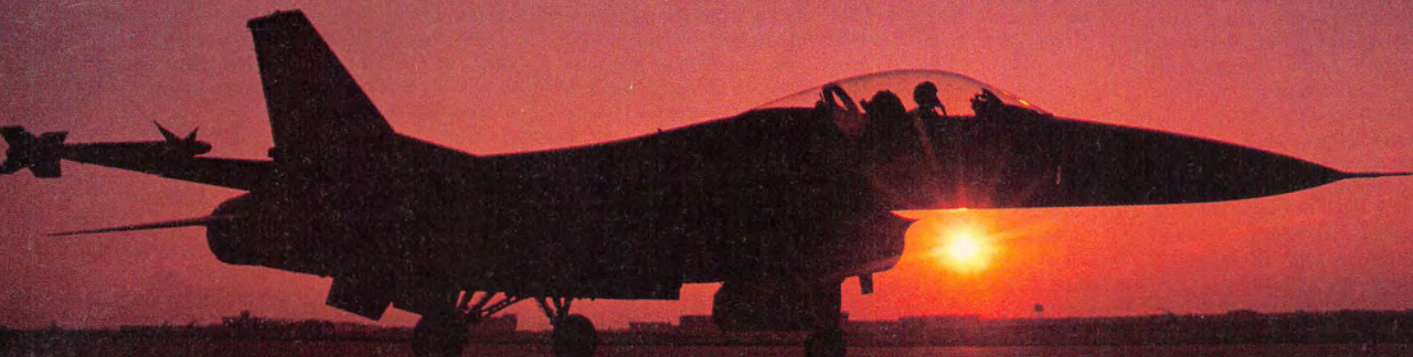
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## Baseball

■ I really enjoy reading *Street & Smith's Baseball*, but I found this year's issue to be different from last year's. I searched throughout the magazine and found no NCAA statistics or articles. Like some people, I like to keep up with everything on the baseball scene, and that includes college baseball as well as professional and the minors.

JUSTIN STEWART Asheville, NC

■ I just purchased the *Street & Smith's Baseball* issue. I enjoy the magazine but wonder why you continue to make mistakes on the Hitters' Targets. A prime example is with the home runs. Ryne Sandberg qualifies to be on the list, but he has been left out. This year the listing goes as low as 179 home runs but does not include Sandberg at 205. It would seem not to be that difficult to get it right.

DOUG SKEMP Dallas, TX

■ What baseball fans like to see are hits and runs. In "Matters of Opinion," Glen Macnow talks about whether the DH is to keep Jack Clark's career alive. At least the No. 8 hitter in the American League doesn't get a chicken-hearted walk as often as in the National League. Not all DHs are washed up as far as defensive play. A team gets a couple of runners on base in the National League, and what usually happens? The pitcher, 90 percent of the time, is the inning-ender.

I agree with Macnow on the "Deshaies Rule," which will be renamed the "Sutcliffe Rule" should Deshaies leave baseball. Wooden, not aluminum, bats should be used in college. And baseball writers as official scorers? What a joke! They're hometown writers (home team is a better description).

Your magazine is a good one and I've enjoyed it for several years.

KEN CAPLENER Mesa, AZ

■ I agree with Glen Macnow that baseball needs a lot of changes. It needs a commissioner who will take charge. As for high salaries, some players are worth what they get, some are not. I see no way a mediocre player should be getting megabucks. I'm all for a salary cap and doing away with the DH.

Games are too long. Why do relief pitchers get another five minutes of warmup after they have already warmed up in the bullpen.

What else could we eliminate? All the dumb mascots. And if "unexpansion" is such a good idea, what not eliminate some of the perennial non-contenders? Let's ban aluminum bats, even in Little League. And let's stop the ballot-box stuffing for the All-Stars by letting the sportswriters pick them. Let's put Roger Maris in the Hall of Fame and do away with the Abner Doubleday myth for all time. I also feel there is enough doubt about the guilt of the "Black Sox" that they should be returned to good standing.

And talk about giants of the sport (Abbott, Johnson, Puckett, Reynolds, Ripken, and Ryan)! If all players were like them, what better recommendation for baseball as America's greatest sport.

Whatever baseball changes or doesn't change, it's all in fun, including my suggestions. I say "Hurray" for the best game of all.

GORDON HEGGENES Seattle, WA

■ I am a baseball fan and have the *Street & Smith's Baseball* issue for many years, but I would like to get a baseball encyclopedia. Could you please tell me if you are editing one or where I could get one.

GILLES DROUIN Thetford Mines, Quebec  
The Baseball Encyclopedia is published by Macmillan (866 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022).

■ I look forward to your baseball magazine hitting the stands every year. Being a Cubs fan, I guess every spring brings about the anticipation for your magazine and the hope that the Cubs will make it to the Series.

You have a quality magazine; it is very thorough. My one suggestion to make it better would be to include more statistics from the minor leagues. Perhaps you could include the final standings from the previous season and possibly the stats from the AAA teams.

JIM JOHANNIS Cottage Grove, WI

## Basketball

■ I have been a long-time buyer of your basketball magazines, and I have two suggestions for features that would be of interest in your College/Prep edition:

1. Provide a summary of the prior year's NCAA tournament. I refer to the old issues occasionally, and I would like to be able to see who went to the tourney and how they did.

2. You list hundreds of prep stars each year, and this is a great feature. I think it would be interesting, in the next issue, to see where they ended up. I realize that you have this feature, but you only list the top players. Generally, most fans already know where these superstars are going. It would be nice to see where the hundreds of others actually went.

ROBERT ANASTASIO Carmel, NY

■ It was a great honor to be included on the list of High Honorable Mention Underclassmen in the 1991 *Street & Smith's College/Prep Basketball*. It has brought attention to me as a player. However, the greatest effect has been the attention it brought to my team. I attend a new high school and we have no senior class. Without seniors, no one would have expected us to do well, and we would have been ignored. When scouts, the media, and others come because they are curious about me, they have seen that we have a good team with more than just one good player. I and my team appreciate the honor you have given us.

BENJAMIN B. BAUM Aurora, CO

■ I am a fan of Duke. Is there an address where I could write to my favorite players?

ROBIN HALL Franklin, IN  
Write to the players c/o Duke University, 115 Cameron Indoor Stadium, Durham, NC 27706.

■ I am writing to tell you how much I enjoy your College and Pro Basketball previews. I liked your articles on "Point Guards" and the "NBA's Best," but you should have included

Tim Hardaway of Golden State. His statistics are better than Magic Johnson's and Isiah Thomas's, both of whom have led their teams to championships, and I think Tim will, too, in the future. You also should have listed Shawn Kemp of Seattle among the second-best players. I think these two are going to be the players of the '90s.

KIM SANDERS Barrington, IL

■ I always purchase your College/Prep Basketball issue and was wondering if you had the addresses of the college and pro teams. Also, whatever happened to Anderson Hunt, who played for UNLV.

REID STEWART Calgary, Alberta  
Write to the NBA (645 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10022) for information about pro teams and to the NCAA (6201 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66211-2422) for college information. Anderson Hunt forfeited his final year of college eligibility to enter last year's NBA draft, and then he was not drafted.

## Football

■ I am writing with the hope that you may be able to resolve a dispute. I am the commissioner of a Fantasy Football League. We have voted *Street & Smith's Pro Football* the authority on players' positions, and are therefore bound by what is printed about a player. The dispute concerns Rod Bernstine, a running back for the San Diego Chargers. Rod came into the NFL as a tight end, and still wears a tight end's number [82], but he starts and plays exclusively as a running back. All other magazines we referenced list Ron as a running back and have for the past couple of seasons. This causes quite a controversy for our league, since one team is allowed to start a tight end who plays running back.

I would ask that you please investigate what is a somewhat minor detail for your average reader but of major importance to all of your Fantasy Football readers. *Street & Smith's* has been our trusted authority since our league began in 1980.

MICHAEL MANGANIELLO Everett, WA  
The San Diego Chargers list Rod Bernstine as TE/RB on their 1992 roster.

## Cover Subjects

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BOBBY D. JOLY, Whitmire, SC

■ I have all the issues of *Street & Smith's Baseball*, *Pro Football*, and *College Football*, but not all the covers. Could you please send me a list of the covers for all three sports. Thank you for your fine publication.

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by **GLEN MACNOW**

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● Lots of people can explain what has already happened. They'll sit there with mountains of stats and boxcars of videotape and bore you with intricate details of how and why they knew the Giants would collapse, the Lions would roar, and Thurman Thomas would lose his helmet at the Super Bowl. Hey, we know that stuff already. What about the future? Who's going to move up, fall down, or be left out in 1992?

We don't presume to be experts, but as Terry Bradshaw once said about football: "It isn't nuclear physics. It's a game. How smart do you really have to be?" We'll not try to answer that question. But keeping Bradshaw's disclaimer in mind, we approached players, coaches, and front-office types with 20 questions about the upcoming season:

## 1. Who's the comeback quarterback of 1992?

There are three main candidates:

The 49ers' Joe Montana missed 1991 after surgery to reattach a torn ligament in his right elbow, and likens this season to "coming out of retirement." Can he do it? On the down side, Joe Cool is 36 years old, has nothing left to prove, and is seeking to return from an injury that could recur at any point. On the up side—this is Joe Montana. Remember the back injury that was supposed to end his career in 1988? How can you count him out?

Timm Rosenbach missed the entire season with shredded ligaments in his right knee. The recovery has been judged successful, although Rosenbach wasn't expected to begin working out with the Cardinals until mid-July. At 25, he's a fine prospect with a great arm, but sitting out 1991 slowed his development.

Randall Cunningham showed up two days after ligament surgery on his left knee last fall wearing a cap inscribed, "I'll be back—scrambling." How dedicated was the Eagles' quarterback to a big-time recovery? In the spring he spent \$30,000 to fly four teammates to Las Vegas to work out with him. It says here that he's not just comeback player of the year, he'll also be the MVP.

## 2. Who is pro football's next superstar?

We asked this question of more than a dozen coaches and GMs as they meandered down the fairways—oops, as they crammed for the work sessions at the league meetings in Phoenix last March. Broncos' linebacker Mike Croel and Seahawks' defensive end Cortez Kennedy were regarded by some as the next dominant players on defense. Patriots' running back Leonard Russell, Raiders' quarterback Todd Marinovich, and Bucs' wideout Lawrence Dawsey got votes on offense, as did Michigan wide receiver Desmond Howard, who was taken by the Redskins with the fourth overall pick in the draft.

But the guy most mentioned was Ricky Ervins, the Redskins' second-year tailback. Ervins gained 680 yards as a part-time player in 1991 and had the highest yards-per-carry average (4.7) of any NFC player with 100 or more rushes. At 5-foot-7 and 200 pounds, Ervins doesn't run down the field so much as roll like a bowling ball. The tape measure may suggest "tubby guy," but in reality this model is just built low (for aerodynamics) and wide (for momentum).

Remind you of anyone else? "He's Barry Sanders all over again," said Cardinals coach Joe Bugel. "Same shape, same speed. And, like Barry, he's got a chance to be great."

## 3. Who is the worst interview in the NFL?

Browns coach Bill Belichick. If grunts were poetic, he'd be Robert Frost. First runner-up goes to Giants coach Ray Handley, who has been known to stalk out of his own news conferences. Is it a coincidence that both men were assistants under Bill Parcells? We don't know and, quite frankly, we're afraid to ask.

## 4. What great idea will never gain a foothold in the NFL?

We long ago gave up any real hope for the two-point conversion. So now we'll endorse an idea from New Orleans Saints president Jim Finks, who heads the league's Competition Committee: cutting the rosters from 45 to 40.

"The point is to get rid of the specialists and one-dimensional players," said Finks. "We're now like a baseball team with 15 pitchers and designated fielders and batters. Let's give the game back to complete players."

Raiders owner Al Davis's response? "I think Finks would bring back the leather helmet if he could." Not to mention the drop kick.

## 5. What Plan B free agent will have the biggest impact this season?

That's a bit like asking whether Bosnia or Andorra had a bigger impact on World War II. Mostly, Plan B(oring) has been too much noise about overpaid backups, mediocre special teamers, has-beens and never-weres.

Still, the system did move Ronnie Lott to the Raiders last season. And the Redskins did get to the Super Bowl with six Plan B types roving on defense. With that in mind, here are two men who could mean a lot to their new clubs:

A) Drew Hill goes to the Falcons to rejoin his former coach Jerry Glanville. The Oilers figured no one would bite at Hill because of his age (35) and salary (\$1.05 million). But who can argue with the numbers: 90 catches in 1991 and four years of 1,000-plus yards? In Atlanta, Hill will be part of a receivers rotation that could add years to his career.

B) Steve Christie leaves Tampa Bay for Buffalo. Sure, a kicker is just a kicker. But if the Bills had Christie all along, they might have won at least one of the last two Super Bowls.

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## 6. Where are the Redskins headed?

Probably down a notch. The Skins were terrific in 1991, but they were also lucky. They had no key injuries and a few times played an opponent when that team's best player was hurt. Washington is getting a bit old, especially on the offensive line. Several coaches say that quarterback Mark Rypien's great season stemmed from his having ample time to throw. Rush Rypien, they claim, and he panics.

"They were so focused last year," said Phoenix Cardinals coach Joe Bugel. "Now, they've got 10 or 11 unsigned guys. It's tough to keep that momentum for two straight years. On the other hand, how can anyone bet against Joe Gibbs?"

## 7. Who is the toughest player in the NFL?

It's difficult to argue against safeties Lott of the Raiders or Steve Atwater of the Broncos. And you have to respect the opinion of Seahawks coach Tom Flores, who votes for the Eagles' Reggie White. "Reggie beats up the other team like no one else in football," said Flores. "He plays every down like it's the deciding play of the Super Bowl."

Still, our choice is Brian Jordan, Atlanta's other two-sport athlete. Jordan, the Falcons' strong-side safety and an outfielder in the St. Louis Cardinals organization, may not know everything that Bo knows or have any flashy nicknames like "Prime Time." But according to Rams' quarterback Jim Everett, "He has probably knocked out more teeth than anyone in the league." How tough is he? Consider that even though Jordan's just 6-foot-1 and 205 pounds, Glanville sometimes plays him at offensive tackle on punting plays. "Ain't nobody gonna get by him no how," said Glanville that noted linguist.

## 8. Which team reaches respectability first—the 1-15 Indianapolis Colts or the 2-14 Tampa Bay Buccaneers?

Both should be better in '92, just by virtue of playing the NFL's notoriously easy last-place schedules. Still, don't book any Super Bowl reservations yet.

The Colts have a fine young quarterback in Jeff George. Presumably, they will be helped by first-round picks Steve Emtman and Quentin Coryatt. Of course, a decade ago, the Colts had two first-round picks and selected wash-outs Johnnie Cooks and Art Schlichter, which shows how things go for this organization. Come November, new coach Ted Marchibroda may wish he were still in Buffalo—a unique yearning, to be sure. The "no-huddle" offense works far less effectively behind linemen who have heretofore employed the "no-block" technique.

Meanwhile, Tampa Bay's young defense (11th in the NFL in 1991) has a chance to become one of the best. The question is whether new coach Sam Wyche can break frugal owner Hugh Culverhouse of his habit of cultivating young talent and then shipping it to other teams. Our money is on Sam. Otherwise, the key is quarterback Vinny Testaverde, a career flop. If anyone can resurrect Testaverde, it's probably Wyche, who had a key role in developing passers Joe Montana, Steve DeBerg, and Boomer Esiason.

"I still think the guy's got the potential," said Wyche. "Sometimes it's just, 'Hey, you realize this is your last shot at it, big boy. We're going to give you every chance to be a star.'"

## 9. What's the secret worry of every coach in the NFL?

AIDS. After Magic Johnson, the fear is that an epidemic among professional athletes—many of whom lead promiscuous lifestyles—is set to explode.

"You talk to players about that stuff and hope it sinks through," said Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer, "but too many of these kids think they're indestructible."

## 10. If football had baseball's system of free agency, who would be this year's Bobby Bonilla?

Going by baseball's rules, a player must play six full seasons before hitting the open market. That eliminates the NFL's young stars: Barry Sanders, Derrick Thomas, Thurman Thomas, Emmitt Smith, Rypien. Beyond that, figure that some of pro football's best players are a bit too old to attract a Brinks-like long-term deal. So knock out Montana, Art Monk, Warren Moon, and Lawrence Taylor.

That leaves a group of players in their early 30s. Certainly, the bidding would be intense for Jerry Rice, Reggie White, and Pat Swilling under a real system of free agency. But the biggest bucks would go to the quarterbacks. So whom do you prefer: Dan Marino or Jim Kelly? We'll take Kelly. Under baseball's system, he'd command an annual salary approaching \$7 million. For now, he'll have to struggle by on the \$3 million the Bills pay him.

## 11. What's going to happen this year for the first time since 1985?

Simple, the Jets will finish with the better record in New Jersey. The Meadowlands two clubs are headed in opposite directions. The Giants are old and poorly coached and still paying for the sin of dumping Phil Simms as their No. 1 quarterback. Plus, they play in the NFL's toughest division.

The Jets, on the other hand, could be the league's next elite team.

Remember, they lost one game in overtime last season and four more by three or fewer points. "Their coach

[Bruce Coslet] is smart, their defense is young and tough, and they have a promising young quarterback in Browning Nagle," said Bills coach Marv Levy.

They will definitely contend this season." One more factor: The Jets will play the NFL's third-easiest schedule, based on their opponents' records last season.

Both Gotham clubs went 8-8 in 1991. In this case, one glass was half full and the other was half empty.





## 12. Who's the most exciting player in pro football?

You can make a case for Thurman Thomas, who created drama just trying to make it onto the field at the Super Bowl. And you could argue for triple-threat Cunningham—remember his 91-yard punt at the Meadowlands a few years back? But the guy other players would pay to see (keep in mind athletes are notorious cheapskates) is 5-foot-8 running back Barry Sanders of the Detroit Lions.

"That guy should have an 'S' on his chest. He's Superman," said Colts' wide receiver Jessie Hester.

"He's like O.J. Simpson," said Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson. "He runs into a pile and you think the play is over. Then he just pops out the other side of the pile."

One heretic even compared Sanders to the all-time-leading ground gainer, saying, "He's going to make people forget Walter Payton."

The speaker? Walter Payton.

## 13. Who needs to make sure their insurance premiums are paid up this year?

Kickers. If 1990 was the year of the run-and-shoot and 1991 the year of the no-huddle, this could be the year of the blocked kick.

"We all learned something from Dallas last season," said Glanville, referring to the four punts the Cowboys blocked in their final three games. "What we learned is that you can grab and tackle the offensive linemen to get to the punter. It's illegal but near impossible for the refs to detect."

This season? "Everyone will be doing it," predicts Glanville. "It's going to be open season on kickers."

## 14. So who's going to hire Buddy Ryan already?

Nine clubs changed coaches after last season, and Ryan was nobody's Buddy. Never mind that the Eagles' 31-17 record during his final three seasons was among the NFL's best. If this fanny-kicking, cuss-spouting, leathernecked 58-year-old couldn't get a job this year, it sure seems that his career is over.

Think about this: What NFL head-coaching job figures to open up any time soon? After the postseason firing flurry, everyone left seems pretty secure. Except, maybe, Handley. If the Giants keep sliding this season, might management admit its mistake and let Handley go? And if so, would the Giants possibly pursue the coach who made a career out of humiliating them? Nah. Still, it sure would be fun to see Buddy back in Veterans Stadium—this time leading the gang in blue and red.

## 15. Who deserves a break?

Certainly Bernie Kosar. With apologies to Moon and Cunningham, Kosar has probably had the best career of any active quarterback never to go to the Super Bowl. And as long as he stays with the Browns, he's unlikely to get there. Kosar's NFL-record streak of 308 passes without an interception is a tribute to both his toughness and his intelligence. Playing behind Cleveland's offensive line, he has taken hits that would have kayoed Rocky Balboa. And consider this quote from Eagles' defensive back Rich Miano: "He's as smart as there is among quarterbacks." Hmmm, is that meant as a compliment?

Kosar turns 29 this season, and with bad knees and a bum elbow, he probably doesn't have many good years left. It would be nice to see him back on a contender.

## 16. What's the surest thing in pro football?

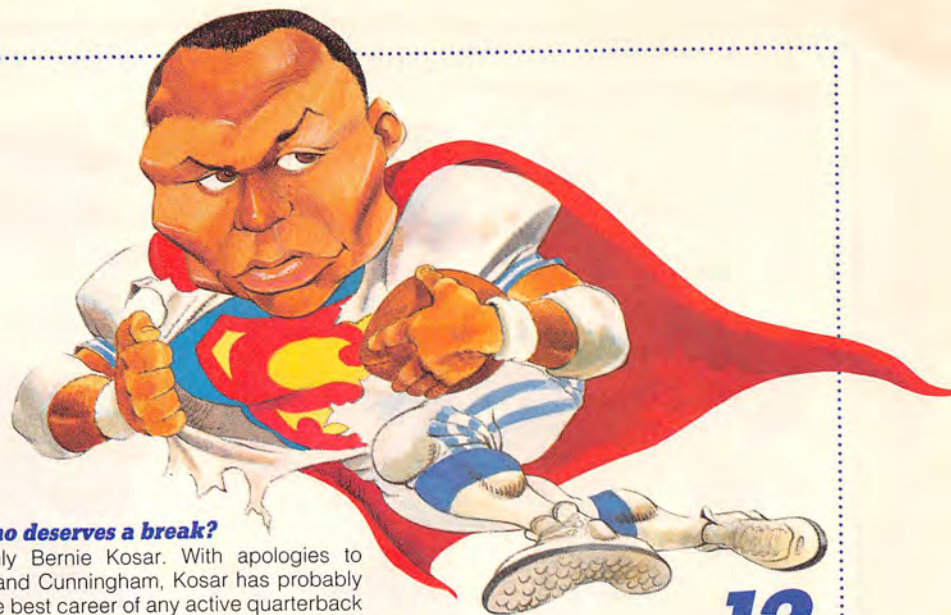
That most of the 11 owners who voted to kill instant replay will change their minds by mid-season. Sure, no one was really satisfied with replay, but think about what's going to happen this year every time the TV replays show—again and again and in excruciating slow motion—that the ref blew the call. "Last season that one would have been reversed," will opine Dan and Giff and John. "But, of course, the NFL owners..."

The public backlash will be overwhelming. By October, the owners will try to find a graceful way to reverse their previous call without giving the impression of instant remorse. Maybe they'll just declare their old vote "dead upon contact."

## 17. Who's the worst boss in the NFL?

Because you never know whom you may someday work for, no one likes to answer this question. Privately, however, NFL insiders sneer at the mention of Cardinals owner Bill Bidwill, who has employed seven head coaches and 52 assistants since 1973. The Cardinals are among nine clubs that have never gone to the Super Bowl. "As long as Bidwill owns the franchise, they'll never get there," said one NFL coach.

Bidwill is also a real treat for fans. Once, when criticized for exorbitant ticket prices at Sun Devil Stadium, he replied: "Hey, there are plenty of \$25 seats in the end zone."



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## 18. What do opposing players really say to each other on the field?

Lots of nasty stuff that can't be printed here. Rest assured that NFL players, presumably mature men with college educations, really do talk trash about each other's mothers, sisters, anatomy, and sexuality. The NFL's All-Trash team? There are plenty of gutter mouths, including defensive tackle Jerome Brown and safety Andre Waters of the Eagles, linebacker Pepper Johnson of the Giants, wide receiver Eric Martin of the Saints, and linebacker Tim Harris of the 49ers. But the Most Voluble Player award goes to Falcons' cornerback Tim McKyer, who's so obnoxious that even his own teammates tell him to shut up.

## 19. Do coaches ever lie?

Listen to these draft-day statements:

"We were thrilled that he was still on the board," said Raiders coach Art Shell of second-round pick Greg Skrepenak.

"We didn't expect Alonzo to be there. He was the best player available by far," said Bears coach Mike Ditka of first-rounder Alonzo Spellman.

"I was thrilled he was still there. What a shock!" said Eagles coach Rich Kotite of fourth-rounder Tony Brooks.

Do coaches ever lie? Nah.

## 20. What's the nuttiest thing anyone said since the end of last season?

We'll go with commissioner Paul Tagliabue's crowing remarks at the annual meetings in Phoenix: "It's great to live at a time when Communism is dead and the only global expansionism the world is facing is from the National Football League."

Yo, Paul, what does one thing have to do with the other?

Oops. Guess that counts as question 21. □



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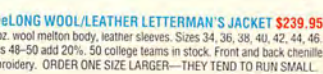


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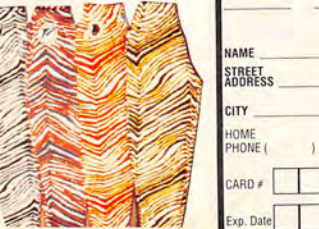
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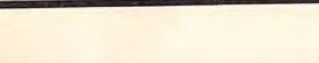
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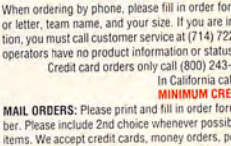
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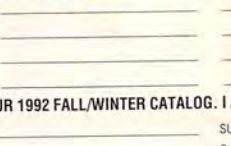
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# Big Talent From Small Schools

**Not every player in the NFL came from a college football power.**

**by DONALD HUNT**

A recent study by the National Football League showed that the University of Southern California has produced more current NFL players (37) than any other school. Miami was next (33), followed by UCLA (30), Penn State (26), Pittsburgh (25), Tennessee (24), Notre Dame (23), Auburn and Washington (22 each), and Arizona State, Florida, and Texas A&M (20 each)—perennial training grounds all for professional talent. A total of 239 colleges were represented among the 1,260 players on opening-day rosters last fall.

Not every NFL player, however, came from a college football powerhouse. Take Jerry Rice and John Taylor of the 49ers. Please, say their NFC West opponents.

San Francisco drafted Rice of Mississippi Valley State in 1985 and Taylor of Delaware State the following year, and the two have formed one of the most dangerous pass-receiving combinations in the game. Rice and Taylor came into prominence in Super Bowl XXIII when San Francisco defeated Cincinnati, 20-16. Rice was named the game's Most Valuable Player, but it was Taylor who caught the winning touchdown pass from Joe Montana in the closing moments.

"Obviously, Jerry and John were talented enough to play for a lot of bigger schools but were overlooked," said 49ers head coach George Seifert. "It may have taken them a year or two to develop in college, but playing

for the smaller schools really helped them because they were allowed to do more. For example, John can return punts and kickoffs besides play wide receiver. Furthermore, I have to give credit to our scouting department for recommending them. I don't think either player received a lot of national exposure."

Andre Waters, the Philadelphia Eagles' safety, played his college football at Cheyney University, where he was an all-purpose man and one of the top players in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. But Waters never played on a winning team during his undergraduate days. And he received virtually no media exposure. Nevertheless, he was invited to the Eagles' camp as a free agent in 1984. Eight years later, he has developed a reputation as one of the NFL's toughest players.

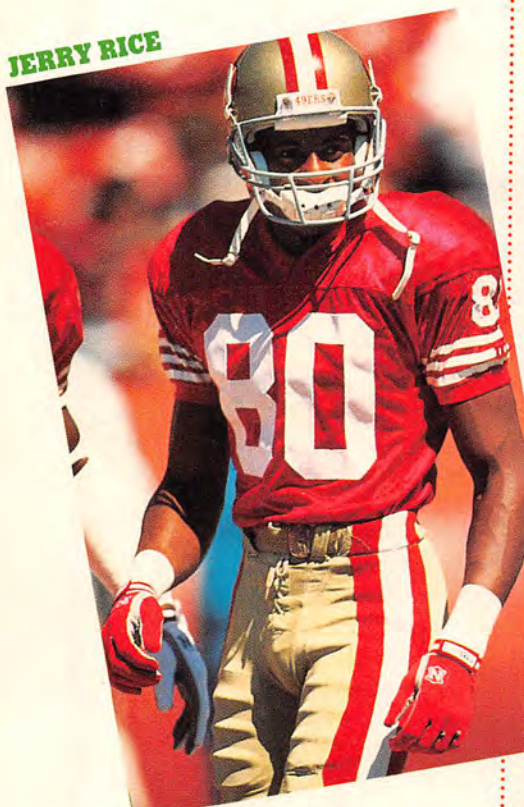
"I always had a lot of confidence in myself," Waters said. "I didn't get a lot of publicity at Cheyney, but they gave me an opportunity to play. And that's all I wanted the Eagles to do. I made the team as a special-teams player. I was very aggressive. I remember coming in and hitting everything that moved on the field. You have to get an edge coming from a small college. I didn't have a guaranteed contract, but I had plenty of determination."

"Division II has been prolific over the years—the PSAC has given the NFL Andre Reed [Kutztown State and the Buffalo Bills], one of the league's best receivers. I don't think people realize how small-college football can be."

The Washington Redskins do. The Super Bowl champions' roster included eight starters and 14 players from the ranks of Division I-AA or lower.

Gary Clark caught 155 passes during his stay at James Madison University, where he also returned punts. He played a year with Jacksonville in the United States Football League and joined the Redskins as a free

**JERRY RICE**



Bob Rosato

**JOHN TAYLOR**



Scott Cunningham

**ANDRE WATERS**



Jeff Carlick



agent in 1985. Since then he has made three trips to the Pro Bowl and surpassed 1,000 yards in receptions four times, including a career-high 1,340 yards on 70 catches in '91.

"I never stopped working as a player," Clark said. "James Madison has a good program. It's just not on national television every week. I think most players who come from I-AA and small-college programs are usually very hungry. I know I wanted to play in the NFL. So I worked extremely hard in the USFL."

Ricky Sanders, a product of Southwest Texas State, teams with Clark and Art Monk to form the Redskins' "Posse." Sanders made his mark in Super Bowl XXII with nine catches for 193 yards and two touchdowns.

Darrell Green, Washington's No. 1 pick, out of Texas A&I, in the 1983 draft, remains one of the premier cornerbacks in the league. A five-time Pro Bowl selection, Green believes the smaller colleges allow players to do more.

"I think versatility is the key to success," Green said. "The smaller schools don't have the depth of the big-time college programs. Therefore, a coach may ask you to play safety and return punts. That gives you a chance to learn two positions. I also believe the NFL is doing a better job of scouting. You can't afford to overlook someone from Division I-AA, II, or III because there are so many great players from these schools in the league."

Defensive end Charles Mann of Nevada-Reno, taken in the third round in '83, led the Redskins with 11½ sacks a year ago and went to his fourth Pro Bowl, where (offensive) line

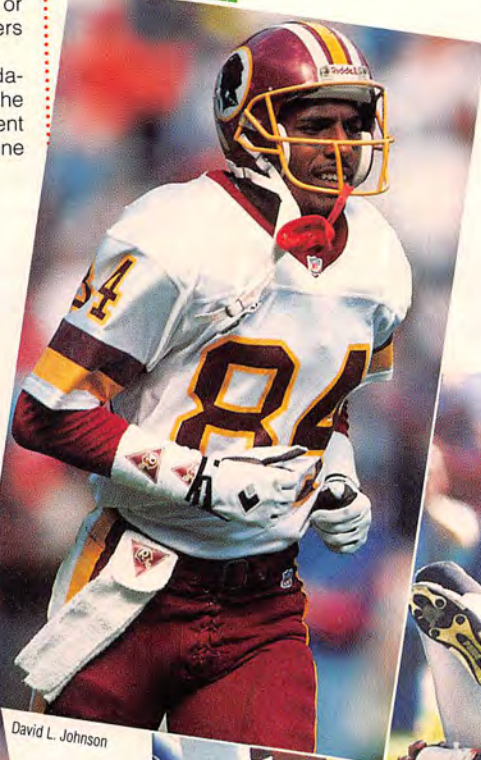
mate Mark Schlereth, of Idaho, made his first appearance.

Over the last 10 years, the list of small-college players seems to have expanded, with such names as Kansas City's Christian Okoye (Azusa Pacific) and Dave Krieg (Milton), the New York Giants' Phil Simms (Morehead State), Chicago's Richard Dent (Tennessee State), Pittsburgh's Eric Green (Liberty), San Francisco's Charles Haley (James Madison), the New York Jets' Ken O'Brien (UC Davis), Philadelphia's Clyde Simmons (Western Carolina), and the Los Angeles Raiders' Howie Long (Villanova).

Coach Jim Mora of the New Orleans Saints traces what he perceives as a reduction in the number of "sleepers" in the draft to improved scouting by the NFL.

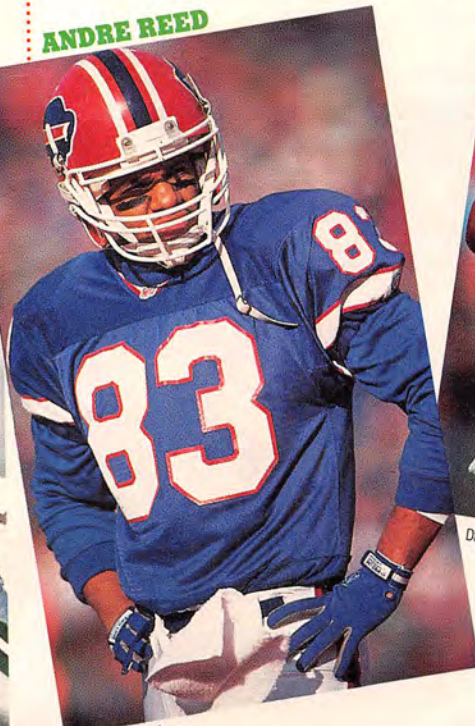
"We have scouts that go everywhere," he said. "You just can't scout according to national television. So, the fact that you're getting tapes, reports, and other information on players across the country means that there's very little chance of a player getting overlooked—although every now and then somebody will fall through the cracks. Hey, the

### GARY CLARK



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### ANDRE REED



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Saints have some great small-college players, like Vince Buck (Central State), Gene Atkins (Florida A&M), and Sam Mills (Montclair State). And people should understand that one of the greatest running backs in the history of the NFL is Walter Payton. He certainly played for a small college [Jackson State]."

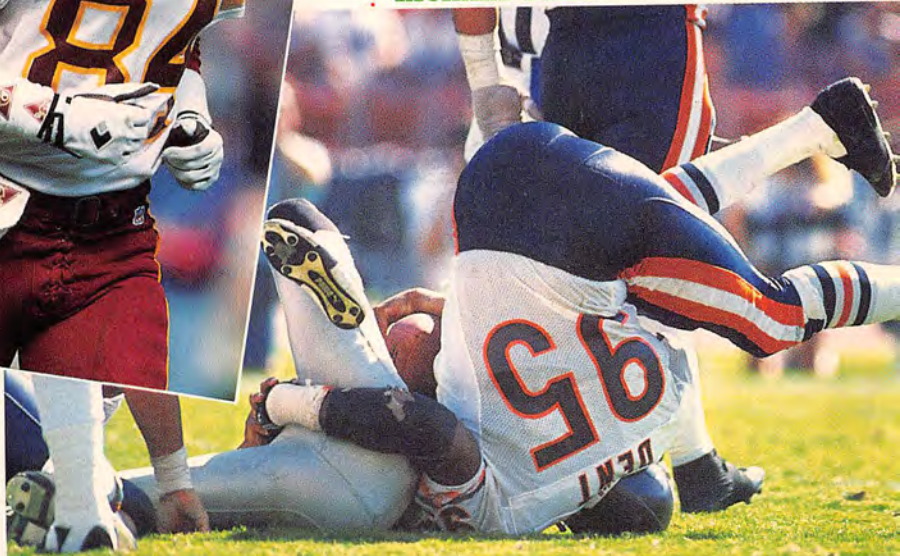
The Pittsburgh Steelers' Greg Lloyd, a sixth-round pick out of Fort Valley State three years ago, has become one of the most dangerous linebackers and pass rushers in the league. He's one of the bright new stars in the NFL.

"Small-college players are well-represented throughout the league," said Lloyd. "All you have to do is look on the rosters of most teams and you'll find players from I-AA, Division II, III, and the NAIA. There's a big advantage playing for a smaller school because you can always get lost in the shuffle at a big school. And let's face it, if you don't play well your first two years at a major Division I, then they just recruit over you. As a result, you have a lot of players going to small schools. I don't think you lose anything playing for a smaller program. I wasn't in awe of the competition. I just went out and showed the Steelers that you don't have to be from a big school to make it in the National Football League."

Dave Meggett took that same approach. He wanted to show Bill Parcells and Ray Handley of the Giants how well a 5-foot-7, 180-pound rusher can play. Meggett, a fifth-round pick from Towson State, captured the attention of the players and staff immediately.

"Dave sent everybody a message," said Lewis Tillman, New York's special-teams standout who played his college ball at Jackson State. "We came into training camp at the same time, and he was ready to play. Everybody was impressed with him. Dave returned punts, caught passes out of the backfield, and picked up a lot of yards on the ground."

### RICHARD DENT



Kirk Schlea



## Big Talent From Small Schools

There weren't too many people who had known about him. But after watching him play in practice and in the preseason, the coaches knew they had a player."

In 1990, Meggett went to the Pro Bowl as a punt returner. Afterwards, he remembers talking to some of his friends at Towson State.

"I told them there was a little pressure on me to perform," Meggett said. "But the main thing is to go out and play hard every day. When you're a fifth-round pick, you've got to show what you can do right away. I took advantage of the playing time. I made some things happen on the field. Then, everything started to evolve for me. All of a sudden, I was a contributor. As far as making the Pro Bowl, that was a great accomplishment. I'm sure there are a lot of small-college players looking forward to that honor."

Jim Jensen has spent 12 years in the NFL without attaining all-pro status. The Miami Dolphins' man for all reasons was an 11th-round draftee out of Boston University, not exactly a football power. Still, he has carved out his own niche as a utility man.

"I've done so many things for this team," Jensen said. "I told [coach] Don Shula I would be willing to play just about anywhere. Fortunately, I was talented enough to play quarterback, receiver, and special teams. I played fairly well in college, but I wasn't a household name. I just knew I wanted to play pro ball and contribute somewhere."

"Jim is one of those talented small-college guys who has the fundamentals and a great knowledge of the game," said Shula. "He just has a lot of determination to succeed on and

off the field. Jim has given us quite a lift over the last few years as a receiver. Actually, all of his hard work has landed him a pretty significant spot in our offense."

Issiac Holt and Nate Newton made significant contributions in Dallas's drive to the playoffs. Holt, from Alcorn State, was regarded as the best cornerback in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. A third-round draft choice of the Minnesota Vikings in 1985, he was sent to the Cowboys four years later in the Herschel Walker deal and has become one of the finest defensive backs in the NFC. He claims he always had confidence in his play.

"I had to cover Jerry Rice in college," Holt said. "I figured if I could stick him, then I could stick anybody. The SWAC has a lot of great athletes—I bet you our conference has more players in the NFL than some of the larger I-A conferences. You don't have to be from a big school to make it in professional sports. All you have to do is look around the league. Nate and I talk about this all the time."

Newton, a 6-foot-3, 322-pound guard, was a sensational player for the Florida A&M Rattlers in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference before signing with Dallas as a free agent. "I think most players from I-AA, II, and small

schools realize they're not going to be high draft picks. We're pretty much relegated to being low-round choices and free agents."

Newton, however, envisions a brighter future for those players in the NFL. "If the small colleges can get a little more exposure from the sports media, things will certainly get a lot better," he said. "That's basically all we need because the track record is already in place. We've got all the stars."

Most NFL coaches, personnel directors, and scouts usually attend the college all-star games after the season. The Blue-Gray Classic and the Hula and Senior Bowls attract many of the best players in the country. But very few of them are from small schools.

"You can always find one or two players in the all-star games," said Al LoCasale, executive assistant with the Los Angeles Raiders. "But most of those players you've already seen on television during the regular season. In order to find that hidden talent, you've got to scout these [small-school] kids." He believes the Raiders' biggest find has been 10th-round pick Andrew Glover of Grambling.

"We always watch [Grambling head coach] Eddie Robinson's teams play," said LoCasale. "Of course, [Hall of Famer] Willie Brown is from Grambling. He played a long time for us. Andrew has a chance to be a fine tight end. The thing about him is that he didn't receive a lot of recognition like some of the Grambling players of the past. That's why you've got to have a good eye for talent. When it comes to small-college players, you have to keep your eyes and ears open all the time."

And an open mind. □

### DARRELL GREEN



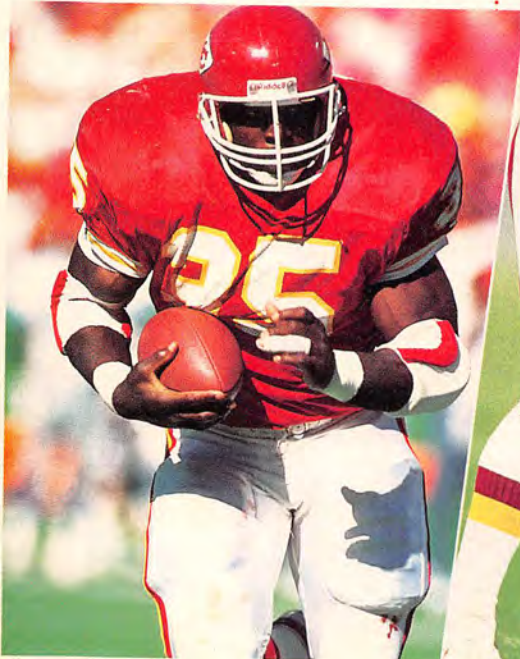
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# Evolution of the Linebacker

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**The defense never rests for these highly developed players.**

● John Mackey finally made it into the Pro Football Hall of Fame this summer after a 15-year wait. The reason for the delay? Some of the electors might not have comprehended that Mackey was the embodiment of a classic model. He was one of those traditional tight ends who reached their zenith in the 1960s, then chugged their way to obsolescence, like the old Volkswagen Bugs.

When Clark Shaughnessy, the nutty professor of football strategy, conceived the modern tight end for the Los Angeles Rams in the late '40s, he envisioned a super athlete who could perform the physical chores of a tackle and the lyrical work of a graceful wide receiver. Shaughnessy's prototype tight end for the Rams was Bob Shaw, a 6-foot-6, 230-pounder who had been a two-sport All-America (football and basketball) at Ohio State. Shaw was the perfect balance to a Rams offense that included two Hall of Fame quarterbacks, Bob Waterfield and Norm Van Brocklin, as well as a pair of Hall of Fame wide receivers, Tom Fears and Elroy (Crazylegs) Hirsch.

Imitation is widespread in football, but commitment to total imitation takes time among coaches who are cautious by nature. It wasn't until the early '60s that Shaughnessy's idea was completely accepted.

The smartest football people went after the premier athlete to play the position. George Halas of the Chicago Bears selected Mike Ditka, a basketball player as well as an all-around footballer who also did the punting at Pitt. It was prophetic that some pro scouts had projected Ditka as a linebacker. Weeb Ewbank of Baltimore picked Mackey, who did just about everything at Syracuse University, where he played the backfield as well as end, then filled in on the basketball squad. Vince Lombardi's man was Ron Kramer, who had terrorized the Big Ten for Michigan in football and basketball. The Cardinals took Jackie Smith, a track star and a football player at Northwestern Louisiana. Detroit's Charlie Sanders played basketball and football at the University of Minnesota.

It was two-for-the-price-of-one time. Their teams not only received spectacular additions to their passing game, but also acquired crushing and mobile blockers for the running attack. Speed was an essential, even in the primitive era of tight ends. In fact, the use of the super tight ends' speed brought about the proliferation of zone defenses in the NFL. Those players were so athletic that they could escape linebackers who tried to jam them at the line of scrimmage, close quickly on a safety and then outmaneuver him in a one-on-one situation. The defense for Ditka, Mackey, Smith et al was a more sophisticated zone.

The only problem was that the super tight ends burned out relatively soon. The blocking, piled upon all that running of pass patterns, deep as well as medium, plus the wear of the

extra running in practice each day was just too much. Ditka had four fabulous seasons, a few more good ones, then slid into average seasons. Mackey had a half dozen peak years. So did Smith. The super tight end went the way of the mastodon. And he, too, was more appreciated after he was gone. It took three men—the blocker, the deep receiver, and the utility man—to replace him in the contemporary NFL.

What happened to the linear descendants of those super athletes was that they were, in a football sense, reincarnated. The innovative coaches of the latter part of the century brainstormed defensive schemes and decided the exceptional players belonged on the other side of the ball. That's how the NFL came to super linebackers. Just as the great tight ends of the past were so difficult to cover in a pass route because of their extraordinary athletic ability, these linebackers are a load to block because of their great speed and overall skills. A tackle or a back attempting to block a great pass-rushing linebacker is at just as much of a disadvantage as the safety, saddled with one-on-one coverage responsibility, was a quarter of a century ago. The bonus for the defense lucky enough to have such great athletes is that the super linebackers are equipped to deal with the roughest of the rough stuff as well. They also last longer than their football ancestors.

## LAWRENCE TAYLOR

It doesn't require an archaeologist to trace the connection between the old tight ends and the current linebackers. Just go back to the strike-torn season of 1987, when the first of the super linebackers, Lawrence Taylor of the New York Giants, found it necessary to cross his teammates' picket line in order to protect his huge salary. That was the year the NFL Players' Association went on strike after the second game of the season. After a week of no football, the owners bought in "replacement" squads, known more familiarly as "scabs." For the most part, the pseudo teams were a collection of the lame and the halt. There were NFL players, motivated by their paychecks, who crossed the line and then merely went through the motions in the company of "teammates" they little respected. Taylor was incapable of such chicanery. He is such a dedicated player that his inner motor drove him just as fiercely in the pretend competition as it always did in actual NFL games.

The Giants played a final scab game in Buffalo as the strike was winding down. Coach Bill Parcells, whose heart decidedly was not in it, put together a miserable replacement squad. It had been buried by Washington and San Francisco in its first two games. The third game was different, mostly because of Taylor. Not only did he play linebacker as he normally did, but he doubled as a tight end. He

blocked fiercely, ran precise routes, made fine catches. Before the Bills mercifully ended it in overtime to win, 6-3, the Giants' last chance ended with L.T. diving, his arms stretched to his physical limit, attempting to grab an overthrown pass. Anyone who saw Taylor play that game could easily recall the past and envision him ranking with the Ditkas and the Mackeys.

## CORNELIUS BENNETT

Ray Perkins was Taylor's first pro coach, and it was Perkins, after leaving the Giants to coach the University of Alabama, who first identified Cornelius Bennett of the Tide as "the next Lawrence Taylor." There may never be a "next Lawrence Taylor," but Bennett has given a respectable impersonation. Like L.T. and all the other supers, Bennett is used primarily as an outside backer, where his speed can be

## Cornelius Bennett

Paul Jasienski







employed best for his most devastating duty: pass-rushing. Quicker and faster than most tight ends in the current NFL, Bennett made his pro debut in 1987, two weeks after Taylor's experience at tight end.

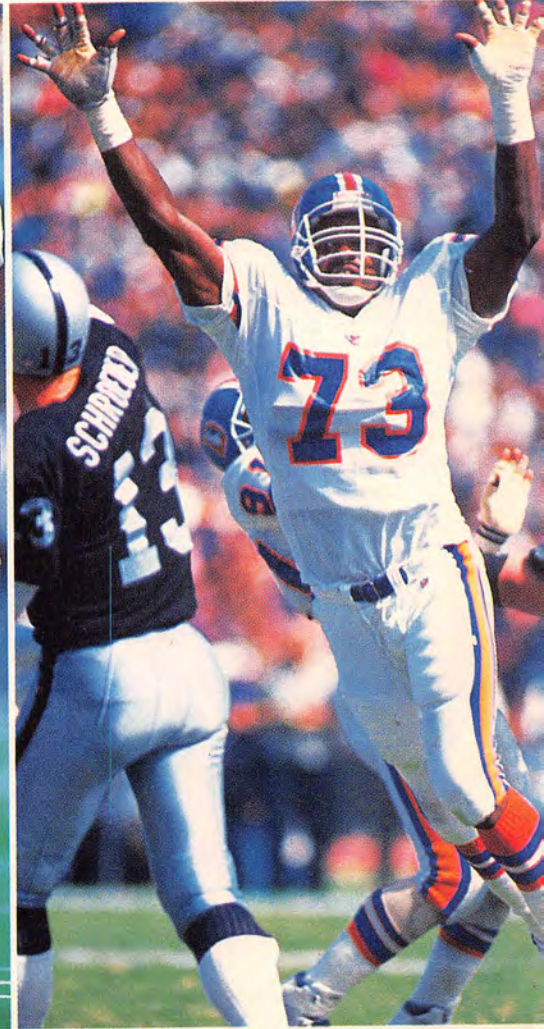
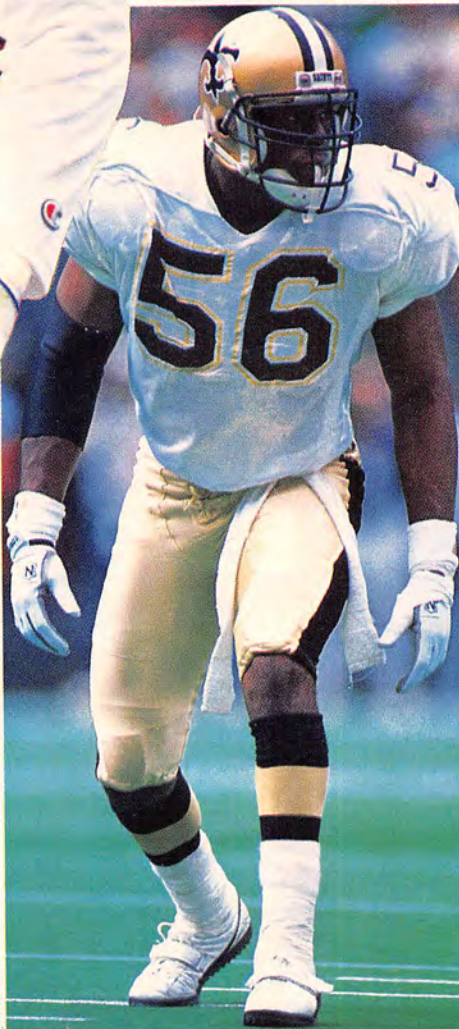
Buffalo had just completed the bombshell, three-team trade that sent Eric Dickerson from the Los Angeles Rams to Indianapolis, with Bennett's rights moving from the Colts to the Bills. After just a few days of practice, Bennett, equipped basically with just his natural athleticism, was turned loose on Denver's defending AFC champions. It was clear on his first blitz that natural ability, at least for a while, would be enough. The shocked look on quarterback John Elway's face as Bennett rocketed upon him was

confirmation. In the last game of that season, the Bills lost at Philadelphia but Bennett made it his own signature game, sacking Randall Cunningham four times and making 17 tackles. Bennett blossomed fully in 1991, when ace defensive end Bruce Smith was forced to miss a dozen games. Walt Corey, the Bills defensive coordinator, had to improvise, again employing Bennett's superb athletic abilities. Bennett was sometimes used in his normal outside linebacker position, sometimes as a down lineman to rush the passer, and other times as an inside linebacker.

"With Bruce out of the lineup," explained Corey, "we had to get Cornelius into the action as much as possible. At inside linebacker, he couldn't be shut out from the play completely. His quickness allowed him to roam from side to side. As a change of pace we played a 'sick-em' defense. We just let Bennett go get 'em."

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# Evolution of the Linebacker

Those who have watched Bennett intercept a pass or run with the ball after he picked up a fumble or blocked a punt, could imagine him as a tight end in the National Football League of the '60s. In fact, he caught 12 touchdown passes in his senior year as a high school tight end in Birmingham.

## DERRICK THOMAS

Before Bennett's big move last season, Derrick Thomas of Kansas City was considered the rightful heir to Taylor's title as king of the super linebackers. Two years ago, Thomas said, "In five or six years, I want to be the best linebacker the game has ever seen." Thomas, faster than any Kansas City back, still has time. Jim Kelly, the Bills' quarterback, was ready to vouch for his arrival last October, when Thomas descended upon him as quickly as a blink to record four sacks in the Chiefs' one-sided victory over Buffalo in a Monday night game. "He's the fastest linebacker I've been around," says his coach, Marty Schottenheimer. "The thing is, not only does he have great speed, but he plays at that speed."

Jonathan Hayes, a tight end himself with Kansas City, says that Thomas uses his speed like a receiver. "He knows when to burst on a guy and when to settle," said Hayes. "He'll give a little ground, but as soon as he feels a back, he'll release the blocker and explode into the runner."

## PAT SWILLING

New Orleans's Pat Swilling was compared to L.T. for the first time early last season after Wade Wilson virtually wore him as the streaking Saints shut out Minnesota 26-0. It was Wilson who made the comparison.

"I've played my whole career in a small media market" said Swilling, "and people just don't know much about Pat Swilling. I think I've been at that caliber for a while." Swilling is a hard guy to miss at 6-foot-3 and 242 pounds, which are close to Mackey's dimensions when he played for Baltimore.

## SIMON FLETCHER

Denver's Simon Fletcher, at 6-foot-6 and over 240 pounds, is a bigger man than any of the great tight ends of the '60s, yet he has the lithe movements, quickness, and body control that would have allowed him to excel at the position. Like Swilling, he plays in a small media market and carries the extra burden of Denver's failures in Super Bowls past. Nevertheless, Wade Phillips, the Broncos' defensive



Derrick Thomas

Hector Sierra

coordinator, maintains that Fletcher is better than Cornelius Bennett. "Bennett got some recognition on TV, so he started talking about how great he was, controlling the game and all that stuff," said Phillips. In the AFC championship game at Buffalo, Fletcher backed up Phillips's words, playing at least even with the Buffalo star in the Bills' 10-7 victory. Fletcher performed a key role in the defensive scheme that frustrated Kelly and stopped Thurman Thomas's running.

## WILBER MARSHALL

At age 30, Wilber Marshall usually isn't grouped with the super linebackers any longer. Washington doesn't use him as he once was used by Buddy Ryan in Chicago. But every now and then, the Redskins alter their disciplined defensive style to make use of Marshall's skills, still finely-tuned after all these seasons. It happened in the 1991 playoffs and then against Buffalo in Super Bowl XXVI.

Richie Petitbon, the Redskins' defensive coordinator, unleashes Marshall in selected situations. Finding a way to stop the Bills' high-scoring no-huddle offense was an example. When the Redskins beat the Bills in the final regular-season game in 1990, Marshall played a major role with a key sack and two forced fumbles on a day when Buffalo, which already had clinched the home-field advantage in the AFC playoffs, didn't use a great

deal of no-huddle. In the Super Bowl, with the no-huddle in high gear a necessity for Buffalo, Petitbon's game plan used more blitzing than had been seen from a Washington team in memory. Thurman Thomas, assigned to block Marshall, couldn't even find him.

## GREG LLOYD

If there is one linebacker today who most resembles Ron Kramer, the most underrated of the old tight ends, it is Greg Lloyd of Pittsburgh, whose slam-bang style is one of the Steelers' main assets. Lloyd's speed when closing on a quarterback or a potential interception is impressive. But it's a combination of his speed and his attitude that sets him apart. He plays angrily. He even wears a T-shirt that proclaims, "I wasn't hired for my disposition."

Lloyd was probably the best player not voted to the Pro Bowl last year. His performance in the Steelers' 33-27 overtime victory against Cincinnati was evidence of his true value. He made eight tackles, including two sacks, and

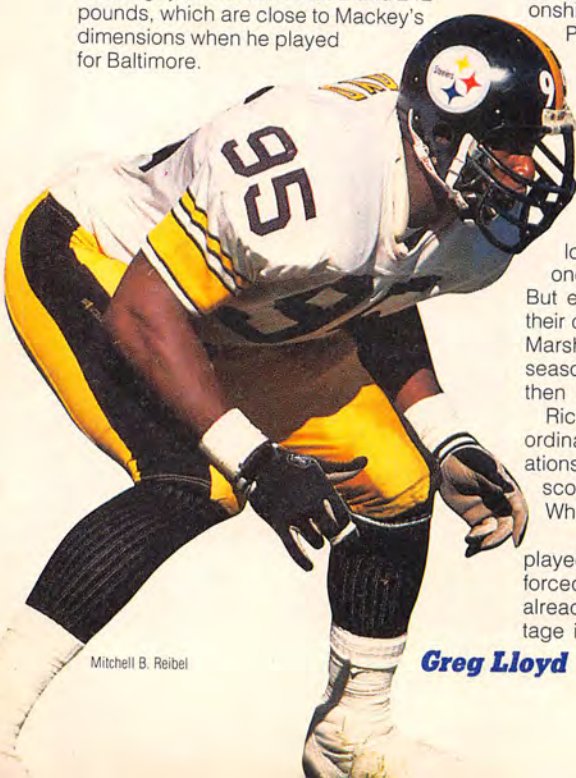


Wilber Marshall

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forced a pair of fumbles. Lloyd also made the play of the game. He fought off the block of a tight end, forcing Ikey Woods to cut inside, swatted the ball out of Woods's grasp, picked it up, and returned it 19 yards. That set up Pittsburgh's winning touchdown.

It must have made Lloyd's football ancestors proud.



Greg Lloyd

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# Seventh Heaven

## SEAGRAM'S SEVENTH HEAVEN

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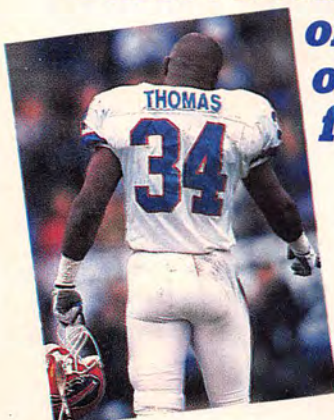




# All in the Game

**Observations and opinions  
on the state  
of pro  
football**

**by DON PIERSON**  
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Just when the Buffalo Bills thought they were performing a civic duty by pulling their city up by the bootstraps, they get kicked in the rear. For their sake, the Super Bowl should be a double-elimination affair. After consecutive losses, a team should be required to take a year's leave of absence to restore lost dignity. By 1993, Thurman Thomas will have found his helmet. A year away from center stage might also shrink his head enough to fit it.

Giving Buffalo a year off to lick its wounds is the No. 1 suggestion to improve the 1992 NFL season. Since odds are it won't be adopted by the cruel powers that be, we submit a variety of predictions and lists guaranteed either to happen or to make you wish they would. If some seem far-fetched or flights of fancy, we also offer lists of things that actually did happen as a reminder that nothing is beyond the realm of possibility in the NFL.

Yes, it is true. Thurman Thomas really did lose his helmet at the Super Bowl. It must have occurred sometime during the national anthem, shortly after "Oh, say, can you see?" Poor Thurman will be reminded of this oversight often in the coming year and will no doubt get weary of the lack of respect. To his credit, he pulled a helmet from behind a podium in an early offseason appearance to demonstrate that good humor is usually the best way to deflect bad criticism.

It won't be easy for Buffalo to laugh off last season. Who says second-place is forgotten? The Bills only wish it were so. Ask the Denver Broncos or the Minnesota Vikings. In the Super Bowl, second best is a euphemism for last. The 26 teams who failed to make it couldn't do worse. The Indianapolis Colts won one game and lost 15, but at least they weren't humiliated in the Super Bowl.

**Todd Marinovich**



Jeff Carlick

STREET AND SMITH'S PRO FOOTBALL



## Other Suggestions

2. Trade Eric Dickerson for Herschel Walker. Think about it. Walker would flourish in Indianapolis, a bastion for amateur sports. Dickerson would provide the one missing ingredient the Vikings need to get to the Super Bowl.

3. Ban cheerleaders. If Hammer can't dance on the sideline of the Atlanta Falcons and Ikey Woods can't dance in the end zone on the few occasions he reaches it, why are cheerleaders allowed to dance at all?

4. Limit substitution. The Washington Redskins were the best team in football. Quickly now, name six of their 22 starters. On defense, they were known to substitute all 11 players on offense, depending on down and distance.

"I feel the unlimited substitution is detracting from our game," said New Orleans Saints president Jim Finks. "The average fan can't identify with who is on the field and what he's supposed to do."

As chairman of the Competition Committee, Finks is so serious about this that he introduced a proposal to limit the number of players a team could dress to 40. He admitted it would go over like a Garo Yepremian spiral. For Finks, the suggestion represents a significant savings in payroll, so his motive is twofold, but his point is well-taken. Football was once a game of great individual matchups—studied, anticipated, and understood by the fan. Now, it has evolved into a game of schemes and strategy, combination defenses and false looks designed to confuse opponents. It confuses fans, too.

## Ronnie Lott



Jeff Carlisle

## Look for This

1. Steve Largent's name to be erased from the record books. It's not that the former Seattle Seahawks' receiver was caught up in a scandal; it's just that time has quickly caught up with three of his records. Before the year is out, Art Monk will surpass his 819 catches, Jerry Rice will overtake Largent's 100 touchdown catches, and James Lofton will surpass his 13,089 yards. At least it took three guys to catch Largent.

2. Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys will be called the "best all-round back" in football and he won't complain about it.

3. Mike Ditka will get a new hairdo.

4. Detroit will not win 12 games.

5. The NFC will win the Super Bowl.

## Awards for 1992

1. Most Valuable Player—Barry Sanders. You can imagine any team without any player until you get to the Detroit Lions.

2. Best Athlete—Deion Sanders. Can football keep him? Doubt it.



Kevin W. Reace

## Herschel Walker

3. Best Lifetime Achievement—Lawrence Taylor. It's getting near the end. Better give him his due as a player who not only redefined the position of linebacker but changed the way football is played.

4. The Julius Erving Farewell Tour Award—Mike Singletary. This is the final go-around for one of the last middle linebackers.

5. The Best Linebacker on the New Orleans Saints—Sam Mills. Mills, Vaughan Johnson, and Pat Swilling all made the Pro Bowl. Rickey Jackson should have. Swilling led the league in sacks. But the 5-foot-9 Mills remains the best of the bunch.

## Smart Moves

1. Thumbs Up. Mike Uteley's spontaneous gesture from a stretcher inspired his Detroit teammates and served as an enduring symbol for the human spirit as well as for the 1991 season. The image will linger long in the minds of all who watched the Lions' improbable drive to their first home playoff appearance since 1957. Uteley's struggle with paralysis touched athletes everywhere.

"We dedicated this game to Mike. We all felt the impact of the tragedy," said Rypien following the Super Bowl.

2. Any move Barry Sanders makes is smarter than most.

3. Mark Rypien's decision to go for broke on a one-year contract. It was the kind of gamble even straight-laced Redskins coach Joe Gibbs admired.

4. Relaxing the in-the-grasp rule. By simply reverting to common sense, the controversial in-the-grasp whistle was blown only four times last season, down from 20 the year before. No complaints and no harm.

5. Tampa Bay hiring Sam Wyche. If Sam can't do it, nobody can. Shape up Vinny Testaverde, that is. There is legitimate concern over whether Testaverde even wants to be a professional quarterback anymore. Who could blame him if he turned his attention to deep-sea fishing? Sam has the knack to get whatever is left out of nice-guy Vinny.

6. The Raiders protecting Ronnie Lott. A Plan B signee a year ago, Lott responded by leading the league in interceptions again.

## Dumb Moves

1. Mike Lynn leaving the Vikings. Who is left to blame? Wherever he lands, Minnesotans want him to send for Herschel.

2. U.S. bobsled team. It believed Walker when he said he was the world's greatest sled pusher. At Albertville, Walker had to be replaced after he screwed up and forgot how to get into the sled.

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## Mike Singletary



Tony Inzerillo



## All in the Game

3. John Robinson giving up on Gaston Green. Green's development in Denver revived the Broncos and hastened Robinson's departure from the Rams, where they found themselves in desperate need of a running back after drafting Green No. 1.

4. Bobby Humphrey walking away from Broncos. Anybody can be replaced. Denver's offensive coach, Mike Shanahan, discovered this when head coach Dan Reeves dismissed him for concealing his play-scripting in cahoots with quarterback John Elway.

5. The Raiders starting Todd Marinovich in the playoffs. Strange timing. The Raiders simply used the playoffs as a head start for the 1992 preseason. Their fans deserved more. Say goodbye to Jay Schroeder.

### Quotes, Interviews, Memorable Personalities

1. "I guess we have two Michael Jordans on this team."—Thurman Thomas, after finding out assistant coach Ted Marchibroda called Jim Kelly the Michael Jordan of the Bills.

2. "I didn't feel comfortable with the situation."—Tampa Bay owner Hugh Culverhouse, turning down Bill Parcells with the same words that Parcells used to turn down Culverhouse a week earlier.

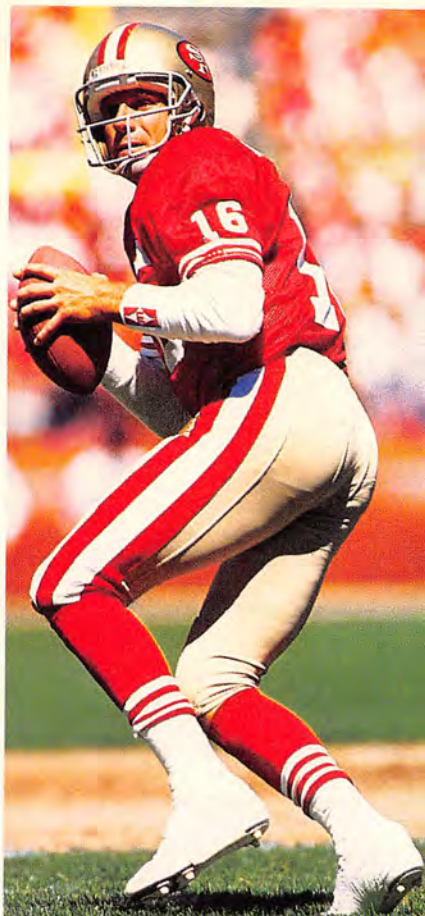
3. "Jacoby is a Neanderthal. He slobbers a lot. He probably kicks dogs in his neighborhood."—Chuck Dickerson, Buffalo line coach, joking about Washington's Hogs. The Hogs weren't chuckling with Chuck. The week after the Super Bowl, the Bills chucked Chuck, blaming his loose tongue for the loss.



**Randall Cunningham**

4. "We will structure, when we go back into camp, a method of discipline."—Marv Levy, Buffalo coach.

5. Deion Sanders, the only two-sport star left, said he wanted to be a three-sport star. "I want to be the first black dude to host one of



**Joe Montana**

those fishing shows." The setting, he said, would not be a fancy resort. "Maybe a ditch," he suggested.

6. "First of all, the word genius isn't applicable in football. A genius was Norman Einstein."—Joe Theismann, genius commentator for ESPN.

7. An advertising executive said Rypien was average-looking, had a terrible haircut, and no charisma. "Two of three are right. I do have a terrible haircut, but I think I have a little charisma," Rypien said. That was before the Super Bowl, when Rypien cashed in on talent.

### Indispensable

1. Joe Montana and Randall Cunningham. The NFL welcomes back two of the most exciting players in the league for a 1992 season that promises to be far more interesting than 1991 just by their presence.

2. John Madden and Pat Summerall. The best thing to happen to football since Montana and Cunningham.

3. Richie Petitbon. Joe Gibbs's defensive coach has been to five Super Bowls with the Redskins (counting the first as a player). His defenses nearly wiped the run-and-shoot offense off the NFL map in 1991. Yet Petitbon professes no genius in his methods. He said the blitz at the start of the second half of the Super Bowl that resulted in an interception that broke Buffalo's back was put into the game plan at half time following a suggestion by linebacker coach Larry Peccatiello on the bus coming to the game. Had Petitbon bragged that he structured the blitz after weeks of analyzing computer breakdowns of

opponents' tendencies on game video, he might have been interviewed for a head-coaching job someplace.

### Expendable

1. The huddle. The no-huddle appeals to the video generation. It's like watching a game on fast-forward.

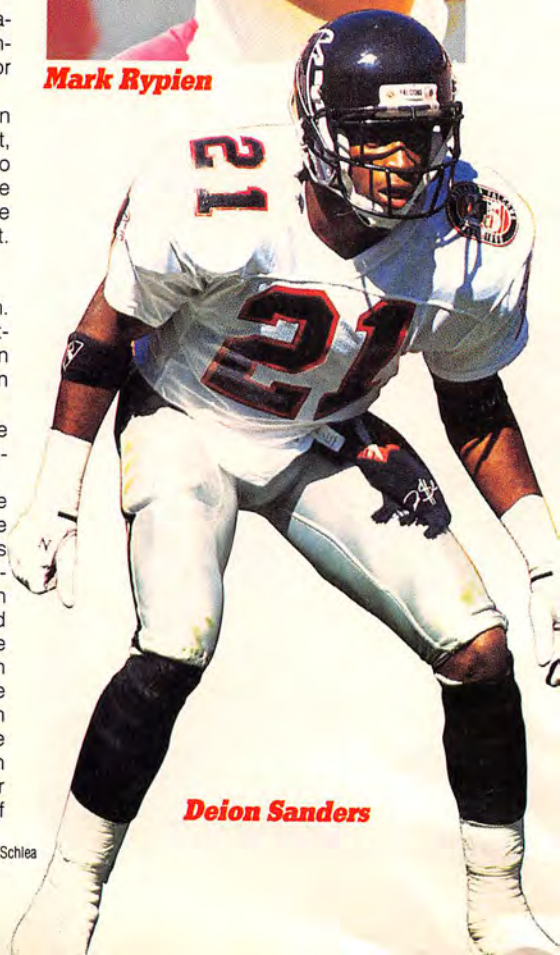
2. Steve Young. The need for backup quarterbacks is apparent; the need for a \$2 million backup is dwindling. Young can thank Steve Bono for that.

3. 2 Legit 2 Quit. Hammer's rap hit blared in the Atlanta Falcons' locker room even after their embarrassing playoff loss to the Redskins. "See," said Deion Sanders. "It's just like we won." *continued*

Don Smith Photography



**Mark Rypien**



**Deion Sanders**

Kirk Schlea







# All in the Game

## Annoying

1. Instant Replay. The NFL agreed and got rid of it to aid officiating.
2. The idea of an 18-week season with two byes. The NFL agreed and kept the season at 17 weeks as a favor to TV networks that couldn't sell advertising.
3. Any athlete who refers to himself in the third person.

## Satisfying

1. The best teams almost always win. See Washington Redskins.
2. A domed team never has made it to the Super Bowl and never will in a million years.



## John Elway

3. Mud. There is still at least one grass field left in every division.
4. Old coaches. New England's Dick MacPherson, 61, showed more enthusiasm than coaches half his age, convincing owners that age is no barrier. The Rams hired Chuck Knox, 60; the Colts hired Ted Marchibroda, 61; the Seahawks hired Tom Flores, 55; the Chargers hired Bobby Ross, 55, who hired Bill Arnsparger, 65, as defensive coordinator.

## On the Spot in 1992

1. The Bills. No team has returned to a third consecutive Super Bowl after losing two in a row. The only team to attend three in a row was the 1970-72 Miami Dolphins, who won the last two.
2. Jim Shofner. The new Bills quarterback coach, who replaced Ted Marchibroda, must learn to get along with Jim Kelly, who rarely finished a sentence without mentioning Marchibroda at least once.
3. Bruce Smith. Is he or isn't he the real Bruce Smith?
4. Herschel Walker. Wherever he is, whatever he's doing, Herschel's deeds must live up to Herschel's words.

5. Eric Dickerson. This is Dickerson's last chance to prove he can make a run at Walter Payton's record. He has to average 90 yards a game for three more years to do it. For nine years, Dickerson has averaged 98.7, but in the last four years, his yearly average has tumbled from 103.7 to 87.4 to 61.5 to 53.6.

6. Randall Cunningham. Will the new knee keep Cunningham a step ahead of his pursuit, including impatient Philly fans who have yet to witness Cunningham throw a touchdown pass in a playoff game?

7. Warren Moon. Time is running out on the Houston Oilers.

## On the Rise

1. Dallas Cowboys. Jimmy Johnson and Jerry Jones definitely know what they're doing. Two years after finishing 1-15, this team was disappointed that it failed by one game to get to the NFC championship.



## Dan Marino

2. San Francisco 49ers. With Joe Montana back, look for the 49ers to be playing late into January again. They might have been the second-best team in football when their season ended prematurely after a 52-14 conquest of the Bears.

3. Hugh Millen. The Patriots' quarterback threw twice as many interceptions (18) as touchdown passes (9), but you have to root for a guy who admits a mistake and then quotes Theodore Roosevelt.

## Hard to Believe

1. The Vikings led the NFC in rushing last year. Yes, there was a Herschel, after all.
2. The great quarterback class of 1983 is 0-7 in Super Bowls. John Elway is 0-3, Jim Kelly is 0-2, and Dan Marino and Tony Eason are each 0-1. Ken O'Brien and Todd Blackledge are 0-0.
3. Al Davis is in the Hall of Fame.
4. John Mackey is in the Hall of Fame.
5. Buddy Ryan didn't get a job.
6. Bill Walsh is coaching at Stanford.
7. Chuck Noll isn't coaching anymore.



## Jim Kelly

## Questions for 1992

1. Are Mike Holmgren and Lindy Infante the same person?
2. Is David Shula a chip off the old block and tackle?
3. Is Bill Parcells happy and healthy?
4. Can you name Chuck Noll's replacement?
5. Will Bill Walsh recruit?
6. Will Phil Simms have to sit on the bench again?
7. Will Joe Gibbs and Jerry Glanville settle this once and for all on a drag strip some rainy night in Georgia?
8. Is Bill Belichick real?
9. Which NFC East team will win the Super Bowl this year?







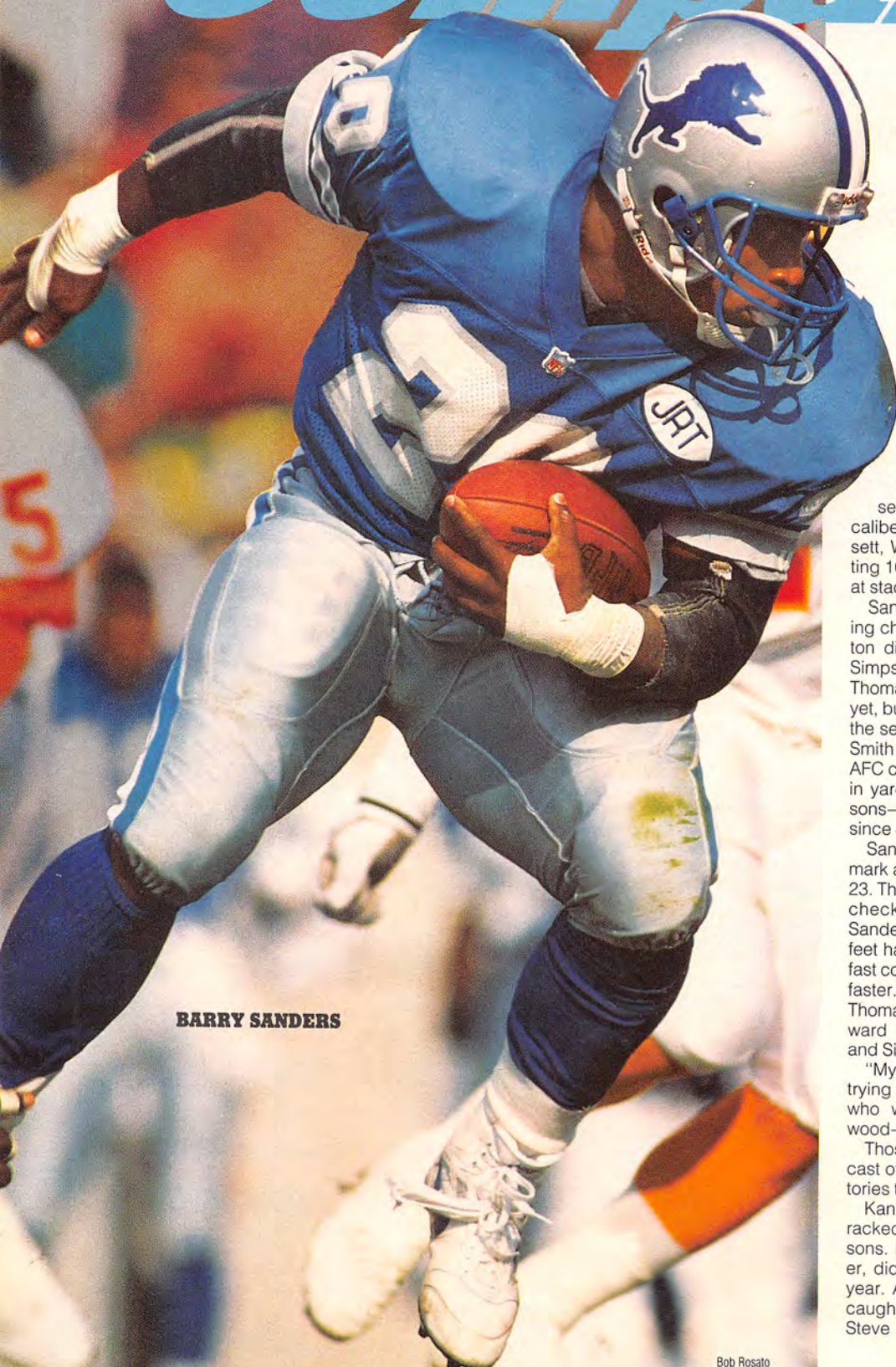
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**A talented young cast of NFL players is**

**chasing victories today and records tomorrow.**

**by Rick Gosselin**

DALLAS MORNING NEWS



**BARRY SANDERS**

● Football labels them as runners. History labels them as sprinters.

Barry Sanders, Emmitt Smith, and Thurman Thomas are halfbacks in a hurry. Give them the ball and defenses, not to mention NFL records, are in jeopardy. The league has not seen a trio of buzz saw halfbacks of this caliber since the early 1980s, when Tony Dorsett, Walter Payton, and Billy Sims were spitting 100-yard games and 1,000-yard seasons at stacked defenses.

Sanders and Smith each won an NFL rushing championship in his second season. Payton didn't win one until his third year, O.J. Simpson his fourth, and Tony Dorsett... never. Thomas has not won an NFL rushing crown yet, but he has lost out twice on the final day of the season. Sanders topped him in 1990 and Smith in 1991, forcing Thomas to settle for the AFC crown both years. But he has led the NFL in yards from scrimmage the last three seasons—the first time anyone has done that since Jim Brown in the early 1960s.

Sanders and Smith hit the 500-career carry mark at the budding age of 22 and Thomas at 23. The only player in pro football to reach that checkpoint faster was Payton, who beat Sanders there by less than two weeks. Fast feet have put Sanders, Smith, and Thomas in fast company. And the company figures to get faster. Smith is still only 23, Sanders 24, and Thomas 26, and already they are sprinting toward the historical class of Brown, Payton, and Simpson.

"My class?" Payton says with a smile. "I'm trying to get in their class. I was just a fast guy who worked hard. Those guys are Hollywood—lots of flash."

Those three runners head a talented young cast of NFL fast starters who are chasing victories today and records tomorrow.

Kansas City linebacker Derrick Thomas has racked up 43½ sacks in his first three seasons. Lawrence Taylor, the NFL record holder, didn't pick up his 40th sack until his fifth year. Atlanta wide receiver Andre Rison has caught 215 passes in his first three seasons. Steve Largent, the NFL career leader, didn't



catch his 200th pass until his fourth year. Washington place-kicker Chip Lohmiller has 109 field goals in his first four seasons. That's one more than Jan Stenerud, the all-time record holder, managed in his first four years.

But it's not how you start, it's how you finish. George Rogers led the NFL in rushing as a rookie with 1,674 yards for the New Orleans Saints in 1981. But he never came within 450 yards of that again and was out of the league after seven years. Conversely, Eric Dickerson continued to fuel his early charge. He also led the NFL in rushing as a rookie, gaining 1,808 yards for the Los Angeles Rams in 1983. But he has topped that twice since then, won three more rushing crowns, and now ranks third on the all-time rushing list. He needs 301

Ferguson. Shaw knocked around for four more seasons with three other teams before fading away, never fulfilling his early promise. Then there's Dan Marino, who passed for 2,210 yards in his rookie year. But he slammed his career into overdrive in his second season, amassing an NFL-record 5,084 yards. Marino has been over 4,000 yards three times since then and now ranks fourth on the all-time list, with 35,386 yards.

The historical footnote for greatness is consistency. Do it once. . . then do it again and again. That's the challenge facing Lohmiller, Rison, Sanders, Smith, and the two Thomases as they approach their primes. All have had great seasons. But a few seasons do not make a career.



EMMITT SMITH

James D. Smith

more yards to overtake Dorsett for the No. 2 spot and 4,287 yards to catch Payton on top.

Wide receiver Sammy White hit Minnesota like a blizzard in 1976, catching an NFC-leading 10 touchdown passes in his rookie season. He followed that up with nine touchdowns in 1977 and nine more in 1978, both times leading the conference. But his hands overheated. He caught only 22 more TD passes in his final seven seasons. Jerry Rice, on the other hand, continues to sizzle for the San Francisco 49ers. He caught 15 touchdown passes in his second season and 22 in his third. He has been in double figures three times since then and now has 93 touchdowns in his seven-year career, just seven short of Largent's NFL record.

Only one rookie quarterback ever passed for more yards than the 2,507 by Buffalo's Dennis Shaw in 1970. But Shaw fell off to 1,800 yards in his second season and 1,600 in his third before losing his starting job to Joe

### **Derrick Thomas**

"When they place the names of the greatest linebackers ever to play the game on the marquee," Derrick Thomas said, "I hope my name is up there." He already knows his barometer for greatness. "L.T. is the guy," Thomas said. "No matter who you are or what you do, until you exceed what he's done, they'll always say, 'He played like L.T.' If you can't get to his plateau, you can never go beyond him."

Thomas has gone to the Pro Bowl in each of his first three seasons. But so did Taylor—and he didn't stop at three. "When I'm in my 10th year and I've gone to 10 Pro Bowls like Lawrence Taylor did, then I can say I'm at the point he was at," Thomas said.

Thomas has already taken bold strides to place himself on the same track with Taylor. He hit double figures in sacks as a rookie, with 10. It took Taylor four years before he hit double figures. Thomas hit the 20-sack level as a pro sophomore. It took Taylor six years before

he registered his only 20-sack season. Thomas also has had a seven-sack game. No one, not even L.T., has ever done that. Only Philadelphia defensive end Reggie White is averaging a sack per game for his NFL career. But Thomas is just off the pace with 43½ in 47 games. At just 25 years of age, Thomas feels his best is yet to come. So do the Chiefs.

"Derrick's got the athletic ability to do the things that Lawrence has done," Kansas City coach Marty Schottenheimer said. "Barring injury, if we continue to do the things we need to do as a team and create the situations where Derrick can get his rushes, he can post some pretty significant sack numbers."

### **Andre Rison**

Like Thomas, Rison need not look to the record book for his barometer of greatness. He need only look onto the field. Playing in the NFC West, Rison gets to see the magical hands and strides of Jerry Rice twice a year.

"I've been classified as the second- or third-best receiver in the game," Rison said. "But I'm still young [25]. For me to be classified with the best, I know I have to accept the challenge of being compared to Jerry."

And Rison likes those comparisons. He already has more catches than Rice at the same stage in his career. In fact, no player in pro



THURMAN THOMAS

Rick Stewart/Allsport USA

football history had more receptions than Rison after three seasons.

"When I hear about the records Jerry has broken or is in the process of breaking," Rison said, "I think, 'If he's on a pace to break Largent's record and I'm on a pace to break his . . . Where is that going to put me?'"

Rison caught 52 passes as a rookie for Indianapolis, then was traded to the Falcons in a deal that sent the Colts the first overall pick of the 1990 draft (Jeff George). Jerry Glanville arrived in Atlanta at the same time and in-



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stalled his Red Gun offense, a variation of the Run & Shoot. The Falcons became a pass-conscious team and Rison has benefited, ringing up 82 receptions and 10 touchdowns in 1990 and 81 catches and 12 scores in '91.

"I'm still learning about the game," Rison said. "If I stay healthy and the good Lord is willing, hopefully I can finish at the top. At the pace I'm going, I will end up on top."

### Barry Sanders

The top is a familiar domain for Sanders. He won the Heisman Trophy at Oklahoma State in 1988 when he set NCAA records with his 2,628 rushing yards and 39 touchdowns. He chose to skip his senior year to play in the NFL and won the NFC rushing title as a rookie. Then he won his NFL title. Last season he finished 15 yards behind Smith for both the NFC and NFL crowns—and he played one fewer game. Sanders is one of only seven running backs in history to rush for 1,000 yards in each of his first three NFL seasons. Dickerson and Dorsett are also on that list. Payton and Simpson are not.

"Sanders is unbelievable," Dorsett said. "I think I've seen more of him than most defenses do. It's going to be hard to find a better one than him."

What makes Sanders so unbelievable is his combination of speed—he runs a 4.3 40-yard dash—and his paralyzing ability to stop-and-start. That forces defenders to stop along with him, and none can match his first-step burst when he redirects. Few even lay a hand on him. Detroit running backs coach Billie Matthews says that's a skill Sanders polished long before he came to the Lions. Long before he arrived at Oklahoma State, in fact.

"He learned that as a youngster playing touch football," Matthews said. "You run forever to keep a guy from touching you. You make moves, go back and forth, juke guys. You run backwards, sideways, any which way to keep the guy from touching you. That's the style Barry uses today. A lot of guys barely touch him, especially the first guy. I've seen Barry make runs where there were four or five guys left on the ground, guys who were trying to tackle him but couldn't even touch him."

### Emmitt Smith

Smith is longer on flash than he is on dash. Even though he lacks the game-breaker speed of a Sanders, Smith still scored 11 touchdowns as a rookie and 13 last season. He also shared the NFL lead for 100-yard rushing games, with eight, and now has 80 in his 119-game football career dating back to high school. His teams are 70-10 when he rushes for 100.

"Emmitt is prolific at what he does," Dallas running backs coach Joe Brodsky said. "The control of his feet and his hips just sets him apart. I hate to say Payton, because it's awfully early in Emmitt's career, but I can't compare him to a bunch of those other guys because most of them had blazing speed. Payton didn't—but he was a long-term guy. He was a tough guy who played and practiced with nicks. That's Emmitt."

The Cowboys apparently want to find out just how tough Smith is. He led the NFL with 365 carries last season. That's more than Brown, Franco Harris, or Simpson ever carried the ball in a single season. Smith became

the youngest player in history ever to rush the ball 350 times in a season and also the smallest (5-9, 203 pounds). He set a club record with his 34 carries in a game against Washington and had four other 30-carry games last year. Dorsett, the franchise's all-time rushing leader, did not carry the ball 30 times in a game until his fifth NFL season. He wound up playing 12 years.

"All I can do is use Earl Campbell as an example," Smith said. "At this pace, I might



CHIP LOHMILLER

Greg Crisp

be out of gas by the time I'm 27 or 28. I want to keep up my performance—but if I carry the ball 300 times every year, I can't sit here and tell you I'll be in the league a long time."

### Thurman Thomas

The Bills have found a way to spread out the workload for their star running back, Thurman Thomas. They remove him from the traffic flow and eliminate some of the big hits by isolating him one-on-one in the passing game. Thomas carried the ball only 288 times last season, but he led the NFL running backs with his 62 catches. Those 631 receiving yards on top of his 1,407 rushing yards gave Thomas his first 2,000-yard season. That softened the blow of not winning the rushing crown despite his career-high rushing total.

"When you look at all the great running backs and how few rushing titles they won, it's really not that important to me," Thomas said. "Only a handful [11] have ever gotten 2,000 yards in a season. I can live with that. I don't want to be just a running back. I want to be the most complete back ever to play in the National Football League."

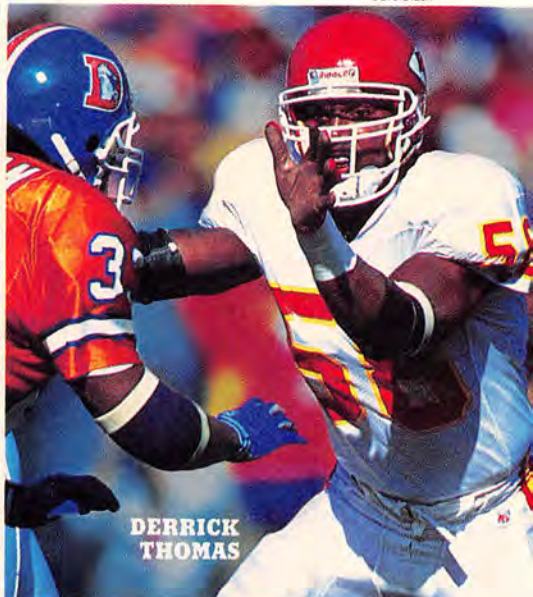
Thomas displayed his completeness in a game against the Miami Dolphins last season when he rushed 25 times for 165 yards and caught eight passes for 103 yards. He became the first player in Buffalo history to manage that double. Now Thomas wants another double—1,000 yards rushing and receiving in the same season. Only one player has ever done it. San Francisco's Roger Craig rushed for 1,050 yards on 214 carries and caught 92 passes for 1,016 yards in 1985.

"That would be a major accomplishment," Thomas said. "That's something I want."

### Chip Lohmiller

The potential challenge bubbling from Lohmiller does not come as a surprise to Stenerud. Back in the spring of 1988, Stenerud received a phone call from Bobby Beathard, who was the general manager of the Washington Redskins at the time. Beathard had been a scout for the Kansas City Chiefs in the 1960s and was instrumental in Stenerud's signing with the AFL team during the bidding war between the two leagues.

Dave Black



DERRICK THOMAS

"Bobby said he scouted a guy who reminded him of me, a guy by the name of Chip Lohmiller," Stenerud said. "He said he was the best talent he'd seen since I came along."

Beathard's talk translated into action that April. The Redskins selected Lohmiller, the University of Minnesota's all-time leading scorer, in the second round of the draft. It was the highest the Redskins had taken a kicker since 1966, when they drafted Charlie Gogolak in the first round.

"We'd never usually think of taking a kicker that high," Beathard said. "But there was something about this guy that made us think he'd be a real weapon. In our discussions there was never any of that, 'Oh my gosh, a kicker...' Everyone had strong feelings about him. We felt if we didn't take him there, we wouldn't get him."

Lohmiller has been everything that Beathard and the Redskins expected of him. He has played four NFL seasons and every one has been better than the last. He kicked 19 field goals and scored 97 points as a rookie. He followed that up with 29 field goals and 128 points in 1989, 30 field goals and 131 points in 1990, and 31 field goals and 149 points on his way to his first Pro Bowl in 1991. Lohmiller is averaging 27.3 field goals and 126.3 points per year. At that pace, he would overtake Stenerud in both career field goals and points (Stenerud ranks No. 2 all-time, with 1,699) in his 14th season. It took Stenerud 19 years to amass his records.

"Jan was the best I had ever seen," Beathard said. "He had such a great leg, a real whip. Consistency, accuracy... Chip has a lot of the same qualities. He's the only guy I've seen close to Jan."

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# NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE 1992

## Sunday, September 6

Cincinnati at Seattle  
Cleveland at Indianapolis  
Detroit at Chicago  
Kansas at San Diego  
L.A. Rams at Buffalo  
Minnesota at Green Bay  
New England at Miami  
New Orleans at Philadelphia  
New York Jets at Atlanta  
Phoenix at Tampa Bay  
Pittsburgh at Houston  
San Francisco at New York Giants  
L.A. Raiders at Denver (N)

## Monday, September 7

Washington at Dallas (N)

## Sunday, September 13

Atlanta at Washington  
Buffalo at San Francisco  
Chicago at New Orleans  
Dallas at New York Giants  
Green Bay at Tampa Bay  
Houston at Indianapolis  
L.A. Raiders at Cincinnati  
Minnesota at Detroit  
New England at L.A. Rams  
New York Jets at Pittsburgh  
San Diego at Denver  
Seattle at Kansas City  
Philadelphia at Phoenix (N)

## Monday, September 14

Miami at Cleveland (N)

## Sunday, September 20

Cincinnati at Green Bay  
Cleveland at L.A. Raiders  
Denver at Philadelphia  
Detroit at Washington  
Kansas City at Houston  
L.A. Rams at Miami  
New Orleans at Atlanta  
Phoenix at Dallas  
Pittsburgh at San Diego  
San Francisco at New York Jets  
Seattle at New England  
Tampa Bay at Minnesota  
Indianapolis at Buffalo (N)

## Monday, September 21

New York Giants at Chicago (N)

## Sunday, September 27

(Open Dates: 5 NFC East Teams;  
AFC East Fifth-Place Team)  
Atlanta at Chicago  
Buffalo at New England  
Denver at Cleveland  
Miami at Seattle  
Minnesota at Cincinnati  
New York Jets at L.A. Rams  
Pittsburgh at Green Bay  
San Diego at Houston  
Tampa Bay at Detroit  
San Francisco at New Orleans (N)

## Monday, September 28

L.A. Raiders at Kansas City (N)

## Sunday, October 4

(Open Dates: 4 AFC Central Teams)  
Chicago at Minnesota  
Green Bay at Atlanta  
Indianapolis at Tampa Bay  
Kansas City at Denver  
L.A. Rams at San Francisco  
Miami at Buffalo  
New Orleans at Detroit  
New York Giants at L.A. Raiders  
Seattle at San Diego  
Washington at Phoenix  
New England at New York Jets (N)

## Monday, October 5

Dallas at Philadelphia (N)

## Sunday, October 11

(Open Dates: 5 NFC Central Teams;  
AFC West Fifth-Place Team)  
Atlanta at Miami  
Buffalo at L.A. Raiders  
Houston at Cincinnati  
New York Jets at Indianapolis  
Philadelphia at Kansas City  
Phoenix at New York Giants  
Pittsburgh at Cleveland  
San Francisco at New England  
Seattle at Dallas  
L.A. Rams at New Orleans (N)

## Monday, October 12

Denver at Washington (N)

## Thursday, October 15

(Open Dates: 4 AFC East Teams)  
Detroit at Minnesota (N)

## Sunday, October 18

Atlanta at San Francisco  
Green Bay at Cleveland  
Houston at Denver  
Kansas City at Dallas  
L.A. Raiders at Seattle  
New Orleans at Phoenix  
New York Giants at L.A. Rams  
Philadelphia at Washington  
San Diego at Indianapolis  
Tampa Bay at Chicago

## Monday, October 19

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh (N)

## Sunday, October 25

(Open Dates: 4 NFC West Teams)  
Chicago at Green Bay  
Cincinnati at Houston  
Cleveland at New England  
Dallas at L.A. Raiders  
Denver at San Diego  
Detroit at Tampa Bay  
Indianapolis at Miami  
Phoenix at Philadelphia  
Seattle at New York Giants  
Washington at Minnesota  
Pittsburgh at Kansas City (N)

## Monday, October 26

Buffalo at New York Jets (N)

## Sunday, November 1

(Open Dates: 4 AFC West Teams)  
Cleveland at Cincinnati  
Green Bay at Detroit  
Houston at Pittsburgh  
Indianapolis at San Diego  
L.A. Rams at Atlanta  
Miami at New York Jets  
New England at Buffalo  
Philadelphia at Dallas  
San Francisco at Phoenix  
Tampa Bay at New Orleans  
New York Giants at Washington (N)

## Monday, November 2

Minnesota at Chicago (N)

## Sunday, November 8

Cleveland at Houston  
Dallas at Detroit  
Green Bay at New York Giants  
L.A. Raiders at Philadelphia  
Miami at Indianapolis  
Minnesota at Tampa Bay  
New Orleans at New England  
New York Jets at Denver  
Phoenix at L.A. Rams  
Pittsburgh at Buffalo  
San Diego at Kansas City  
Washington at Seattle  
Cincinnati at Chicago (N)

## Monday, November 9

San Francisco at Atlanta (N)

## Sunday, November 15

Chicago at Tampa Bay  
Cincinnati at New York Jets  
Detroit at Pittsburgh  
Houston at Minnesota  
L.A. Rams at Dallas  
New England at Indianapolis  
New Orleans at San Francisco  
Philadelphia at Green Bay (Milw.)  
Phoenix at Atlanta  
San Diego at Cleveland  
Seattle at L.A. Raiders  
Washington at Kansas City  
New York Giants at Denver (N)

## Monday, November 16

Buffalo at Miami (N)

## Sunday, November 22

Atlanta at Buffalo  
Cleveland at Minnesota  
Dallas at Phoenix  
Denver at L.A. Raiders  
Detroit at Cincinnati  
Green Bay at Chicago  
Houston at Miami  
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh  
New York Jets at New England  
Philadelphia at New York Giants  
San Francisco at L.A. Rams  
Tampa Bay at San Diego  
Kansas City at Seattle (N)

## Monday, November 23

Washington at New Orleans (N)

## Thursday, November 26

Houston at Detroit  
New York Giants at Dallas

## Sunday, November 29

Buffalo at Indianapolis  
Chicago at Cleveland  
Kansas City at New York Jets  
Miami at New Orleans  
Minnesota at L.A. Rams  
New England at Atlanta  
Philadelphia at San Francisco  
Phoenix at Washington  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati  
Tampa Bay at Green Bay (Milw.)  
L.A. Raiders at San Diego (N)

## Monday, November 30

Denver at Seattle (N)

## Thursday, December 3

Atlanta at New Orleans (N)

## Sunday, December 6

Cincinnati at Cleveland  
Dallas at Denver  
Detroit at Green Bay (Milw.)  
Indianapolis at New England  
Kansas City at L.A. Raiders  
Miami at San Francisco  
Minnesota at Philadelphia  
New York Jets at Buffalo  
San Diego at Phoenix  
Seattle at Pittsburgh  
Washington at New York Giants  
L.A. Rams at Tampa Bay (N)

## Monday, December 7

Chicago at Houston (N)

## Saturday, December 12

Denver at Buffalo  
New York Giants at Phoenix

## Sunday, December 13

Atlanta at Tampa Bay  
Cincinnati at San Diego  
Cleveland at Detroit  
Dallas at Washington  
Indianapolis at New York Jets  
New England at Kansas City  
New Orleans at L.A. Rams  
Philadelphia at Seattle  
Pittsburgh at Chicago  
San Francisco at Minnesota  
Green Bay at Houston (N)

## Monday, December 14

L.A. Raiders at Miami (N)

## Saturday, December 19

Tampa Bay at San Francisco  
Kansas City at New York Giants

## Sunday, December 20

Buffalo at New Orleans  
Chicago at Detroit  
Houston at Cleveland  
L.A. Rams at Green Bay  
Minnesota at Pittsburgh  
New England at Cincinnati  
Phoenix at Indianapolis  
San Diego at L.A. Raiders  
Seattle at Denver  
Washington at Philadelphia  
New York Jets at Miami (N)

## Monday, December 21

Dallas at Atlanta (N)

## Saturday, December 26

L.A. Raiders at Washington  
New Orleans at New York Jets

## Sunday, December 27

Atlanta at L.A. Rams  
Chicago at Dallas  
Cleveland at Pittsburgh  
Denver at Kansas City  
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Buffalo at Houston (N)

## Monday, December 28

Detroit at San Francisco (N)

## Saturday, January 2

Sunday, January 3

Wild-Card Playoffs

## Saturday, January 9

Sunday, January 10

Divisional Playoffs

## Sunday, January 17

NFC & AFC Championship Games

## Sunday, January 31

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● NFC dominance has become a National plot with headquarters in the nation's capital. The AFC should investigate before it's too late and the NFC wins a ninth consecutive Super Bowl.

The draft is Exhibit A. The AFC should protest. The Washington Redskins win the Super Bowl easily to culminate one of the great seasons in NFL history. Then they draft higher than any Super Bowl winner in history. They lead the league in scoring and wind up with the most exciting and productive offensive player in college, Heisman Trophy-winning receiver Desmond Howard of Michigan.

This is not how the NFL system of checks and balances is supposed to work. The Redskins already have the Posse of Art Monk, Gary Clark, and Ricky Sanders to catch passes from Mark Rypien. Now they add another game-breaking receiver and kick returner who will need about 15 minutes of indoctrination before fitting into coach Joe Gibbs's offensive plans. Unlike last year's third-round steal, running back Ricky Ervins, Howard will not need to learn the plays and intricate adjustments of the one-back offense. Howard was the one blue-chip offensive prospect in the draft capable of making an instant difference. The Green Bay Packers planned to draft him with the fifth pick, but the Redskins found out and pulled a trade with the Cincinnati Bengals to jump ahead of the Pack.

Ahead of the pack is where the Redskins find themselves after a rare season. They became only the ninth team in NFL history to outscore opponents by 200 points and win a title. The point margin represents a true test of season-long dominance offensively and defensively. The accomplishment guaranteed the Redskins a special place among the list of outstanding teams. What it doesn't guarantee are back-to-back titles. The 1988-89 San Francisco 49ers are the only repeat champions since the 1978-79 Pittsburgh Steelers.

Getting out of the tough NFC East Division will be challenge enough for Gibbs and his Redskins. The New York Giants are out to prove they are better than a .500 team. The Philadelphia Eagles get quarterback Randall Cunningham back. The Dallas Cowboys knocked on the door last year and are adding young prospects at a record rate thanks to the Herschel Walker trade that never dies. Add the return of Joe Montana to the 49ers after a year away to heal a sore elbow and the NFC is as strong as ever in 1992. Two of the top four passers in the league last year according to the passer-efficiency rating played for the 49ers and neither was named Montana. Steve Young beat out Rypien and Steve Bono was fourth, behind Buffalo's Jim Kelly.

Expansion and realignment have been pushed back at least until 1995, with no guarantee they will happen then. When and if they do, some NFC teams will be happy to break

## NFC PREDICTIONS

### EAST

1. Dallas Cowboys
2. Washington Redskins
3. Philadelphia Eagles
4. New York Giants
5. Phoenix Cardinals

Wild Card Teams: Washington Redskins, Philadelphia Eagles, Atlanta Falcons

### CENTRAL

1. Chicago Bears
2. Detroit Lions
3. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
4. Green Bay Packers
5. Minnesota Vikings

Wild Card Teams: Washington Redskins, Philadelphia Eagles, Atlanta Falcons  
NFC Champion: San Francisco 49ers

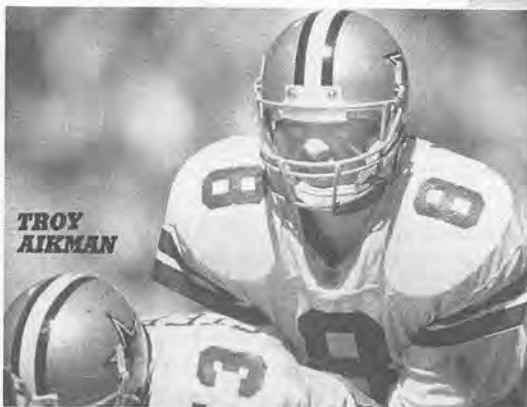
- ### WEST
1. San Francisco 49ers
  2. Atlanta Falcons
  3. New Orleans Saints
  4. Los Angeles Rams

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old ties and jump into the AFC to create a new balance of power. Dominance is supposed to go in cycles, but the AFC is running in place.

If the Redskins and 49ers were lonesome at the top of the NFC heap, the AFC could take heart. But a look around reveals many of the best young teams also residing in the NFC. The Cowboys bounced from 1-15 to the playoffs in two years. The New Orleans Saints celebrated their silver anniversary season by winning their first NFC West title. The Atlanta Falcons have more No. 1 draft choices than any other team and beat the 49ers twice and the Saints twice, including a playoff game. The Detroit Lions won the NFC Central Division title and hosted their first playoff game since 1957.



**TROY AIKMAN**



**JOE MONTANA**

If defense is still the key to success, check the standings in overall defense (yards allowed): 1. Eagles 2. Saints 3. Redskins 4. Bears (5. Broncos) 6. 49ers 7. Giants. Most of the top individual stars played in the NFC. Emmitt Smith of the Cowboys and Barry Sanders of the Lions finished 1-2 in rushing. Steve Young of the 49ers and Mark Rypien of the Redskins were 1-2 in passing. Michael Irvin of the Cowboys, Gary Clark of the Redskins, and Jerry Rice of the 49ers were 1-2-3 in receiving yards. Mel Gray of the Lions, Brian Mitchell of the Redskins, and Kelvin Martin of the Cowboys were 1-2-3 in punt returns. Gray was first in kickoff returns. Chip Lohmiller of the Redskins led the league in scoring and Sanders, Rice, and Smith were 1-2-3 in scoring among



**MARK RYPIEN**



non-kickers. Pat Swilling of the Saints led the league in sacks with Reggie White of the Eagles tied for second.

Many of the youngest stars in the NFL play in the NFC. Rushers Smith, Sanders, Ervins, and Rodney Hampton of the Giants are all younger than Buffalo's Thurman Thomas. Passers Rypien, Troy Aikman of the Cowboys, and Chris Miller of the Falcons are younger than AFC quarterbacks Kelly, Bernie Kosar, Dan Marino, Warren Moon, and John Elway. Not everyone in the NFC is young. This could be the final hurrah for Lawrence Taylor of the Giants and Mike Singletary of the Bears, linebackers of the '80s. Montana is 36 and Phil Simms of the Giants will be 37 before season's end. The incomparable Jerry Rice will turn 30. So will Chicago's Refrigerator, William Perry, whose wonderful rookie season of 1985 didn't seem that long ago.

### EASTERN DIVISION

Unquestionably the toughest division in football, four of the last six Super Bowl winners have come from here: the Giants of 1986 and 1990 and the Redskins of 1987 and 1991. The Cowboys and Eagles both are good enough to win it this year with some health and luck. Only the lowly Cardinals are hopelessly out of it, eagerly awaiting realignment. Owner Bill Bidwill didn't move his team to Phoenix thinking it was East.

The Redskins will be difficult to unseat for one reason: stability at quarterback. Rypien's development gives Joe Gibbs a luxury he has not enjoyed in other years. In the past, the Redskins were switching from Joe Theismann to Jay Schroeder to Doug Williams to Rypien to Stan Humphries to Rypien while the Giants were beating them with Simms and the Eagles were scaring them with Cunningham. "I hope now we're the ones who have a stable quarterback situation," Gibbs said. "I hope the other guys are sweating over there about who is playing quarterback."

The Cowboys beat the Redskins in RFK and beat the Bears in Chicago in the playoffs before losing to the Lions in Detroit one game before the NFC championship. Whether they are ready to take the logical next step depends mostly on the health of quarterback Troy Aikman. For two seasons in a row, injury has slowed or knocked out Aikman by the end of the year.

The Eagles are counting on a big comeback from Randall Cunningham, the once indestructible rubber quarterback who got knocked out of last season in the first game with a knee injury. While battle-scarred veteran Jim McMahon led a valiant charge between injuries of his own, the Eagles fell short of the playoffs in their first shot without coach Buddy Ryan. The defense under new coordinator Bud Carson was as awesome as it can get, finishing first in total yards allowed and first against the run and pass, the first such triple crown since the 1975 Minnesota Vikings.

The Giants fell to 8-8 on merit. They showed inexperience at the top and frays around the edges. Coach Ray Handley promises to run his own ship rather than try to follow the rules that worked for Bill Parcells. Super Bowl quarterbacks Jeff Hostetler and Phil Simms looked like an unfair advantage last year. Now there is concern over how much is left in either. The offense remains stuffy and the defense can no



longer stuff. Lawrence Taylor is on his last legs with no one in sight to take up the slack. The Giants are big, but not fast. Who is going to cover Desmond Howard or chase Emmitt Smith and Randall Cunningham?

The Cardinals are banking on the return of Timm Rosenbach from a knee injury that knocked him out last season just when it was beginning to look like he was figuring things out.

### CENTRAL DIVISION

The Bears got too comfortable last season and had their rug pulled out from under them by the Lions. This is the worst division in football, featuring three of the four new coaches hired in the NFC. All three—Tampa Bay's Sam Wyche, Minnesota's Dennis Green, and Green Bay's Mike Holmgren—have roots to Bill Walsh and the San Francisco 49ers. All were hired after the Bears were pummeled by the 49ers, 52-14, on the final Monday night telecast of the regular season, a game no doubt viewed by the owners of the Bucs, Vikings, and Packers. The Bears need to finish as strongly as they start in order to get out of a rut that haunts them when playoffs near. They have lost four of their last six playoff games in Soldier Field, including last year's first-round knockout by a young visiting team from Dallas.

The Lions surprised themselves by winning 12 games despite a spate of injuries and bad luck, including the tragic paralysis of guard Mike Utley. Erik Kramer, once a third-string quarterback, directed an offense that revolves around the most feared runner in football, Barry Sanders. Rodney Peete is expected back from an Achilles injury that ended his season at the midway point.

The Packers, Bucs, and Vikings remain also-rans as new coaching staffs rebuild and retool failed regimes. Holmgren's offensive philosophy is supposed to emphasize the running game more than predecessor Lindy Infante's philosophy. Yet the Packers have no

proven running backs and nothing but question marks at quarterback.

Wyche faces a big challenge in molding Vinny Testaverde into the quarterback he is supposed to become. Wyche realizes the task at hand and signed Steve DeBerg from Plan B before drafting young quarterbacks Craig Erickson and Mike Pawlawski. Erickson threw for two fewer yards at Miami than Testaverde after succeeding the Heisman Trophy winner. Erickson was drafted by Philadelphia last year and sat out unsigned with a knee injury.

Green has the biggest challenge of all in Minnesota, where the underachieving Vikings are still paying dearly for their ill-fated trade to obtain Herschel Walker, leaving them bereft of draft choices.

### WESTERN DIVISION

Although the Saints won their first division crown, the Falcons were the team to beat by the end of last season. They topped the Saints twice in the last six weeks inside the New Orleans Superdome, including a wild-card playoff game. Speed and depth in the secondary remain big questions for the Saints, who may have progressed as far as their talent can take them. A healthy Bobby Hebert at quarterback will help. He nursed a shoulder problem for most of last season. Rookie Vaughn Dunbar will need to contribute immediately at running back. The linebacking corps of Sam Mills, Vaughan Johnson, Pat Swilling, and Rickey Jackson remains the best in the league.

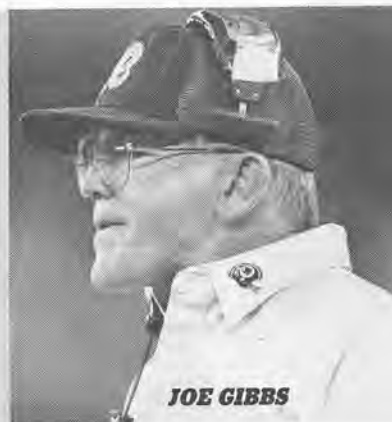
The Falcons also beat the 49ers twice and added a running back, Southern Mississippi's Tony Smith, for immediate help on an offense full of fleet receivers and an improving quarterback, Chris Miller. Coach Jerry Glanville's biggest problem may be getting baseball players Deion Sanders and Brian Jordan back into his secondary.

A healthy Montana could put the 49ers into another Super Bowl if a shaky running game holds up and rookie safety Dana Hall can take up the slack in the secondary. Any team with Montana and Rice intact is dangerous.

The Rams under new coach Chuck Knox are similar to the Rams when Knox first took them over in 1973. They have lost their way and are in need of the kind of quick rebuilding for which Knox is famous. But injuries and personnel deficiencies on defense make it unlikely that Knox can repeat the five consecutive division titles he won during his first L.A. tenure. Too many other teams have grown up since then.

### 1992 ALL-NFC TEAM

OFFENSE		DEFENSE	
WR	Jerry Rice, 49ers	E	Clyde Simmons, Eagles
	Michael Irvin, Cowboys		Reggie White, Eagles
TE	Steve Jordan, Vikings	T	Pierce Holt, 49ers
T	Jim Lachey, Redskins		Frank Warren, Saints
	Mike Kenn, Falcons		Jerry Ball, Lions
G	Mark Schlereth, Redskins	OLB	Wilber Marshall, Redskins
	William Roberts, Giants		Seth Joyner, Eagles
C	Mark Stepnoski, Cowboys	ILB	Sam Mills, Saints
QB	Joe Montana, 49ers		Vaughan Johnson, Saints
RB	Barry Sanders, Lions	CB	Darrell Green, Redskins
	Emmitt Smith, Cowboys		Tim McKyer, Falcons
PK	Chip Lohmiller, Redskins	S	Mark Carrier, Bears
			Brad Edwards, Redskins
		P	Sean Landeta, Giants
		RS	Mel Gray, Lions



**JOE GIBBS**



# NFC central

## CHICAGO BEARS

After ruling the NFC Central Division for six out of seven years, the Bears thought they had established squatter's rights. Last year, they fell on their rear ends and watched the Lions pass them up. When the Bears needed a victory in their final game to clinch another title and gain home-field advantage, they failed miserably in San Francisco, losing to the 49ers 52-14.

They followed that humiliation by losing to the Cowboys in Chicago in the opening play-off game, opening the door to second-guesses and apprehension for the coming season. Traditionally, the Bears start fast. Just as traditionally, they have developed a habit of finishing slow. Over the last five years, they have won 83 percent of their games in September and only 36 percent after December, including playoffs. They have lost four of their last six playoff games held in Soldier Field.

Another better than average team awaits coach Mike Ditka in 1992, but Chicagoans aren't going to pay much attention until 1993 when the playoffs start. Since they won the Super Bowl in 1985, Ditka and Bears' fans have agreed that most of their shortcomings have revolved around injured quarterbacks. But last year, that excuse went by the wayside when Jim Harbaugh became the first Bears' quarterback to start every game of a season since 1981.

"Maybe we are a step away. Maybe we don't belong up there with the other people right now. We have some overachievers, and sometimes you need people who are a little bit better than overachievers," Ditka said.

To bring things down to earth, the Bears hope to re-establish a running game that fell from second to ninth last season because of nagging injuries to Neal Anderson and Brad Muster. Harbaugh set club records for pass attempts and completions and even though the passing game improved from dead last to 13th, passing is not Bear football when it is achieved at the expense of running.

### JIM HARBAUGH

#### BEARS 1991 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Butler, 89 points on 32 extra points and 19 field goals...10th  
RUSHING—Anderson, 747 yards on 210 carries, 3.6 avg., 6 TDs...7th  
PASSING—Harbaugh, 275 of 478 attempts for 3,121 yards and 15 TDs...11th  
RECEIVING—Davis, 61 receptions for 945 yards, 15.5 avg., 6 TDs...11th  
INTERCEPTIONS—Stinson, 4 for 69 yards, 14.3 avg., 1 TD...13th  
PUNTING—Buford, 69 punts, 40.8 avg., longest 64 yards...9th  
PUNT RETURNS—Bailey, 36 for 281 yards, 7.8 average...13th  
KICKOFF RETURNS—Bailey, 16 for 311 yards, 19.4 average...unranked  
SACKS—Dent, 10.5 sacks...6th

#### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

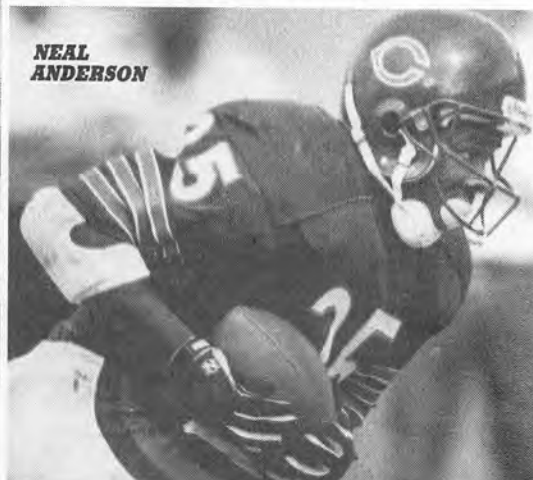
August 10 NEW ORLEANS (N)  
15 At Phoenix (N)  
23 PITTSBURGH (N)  
29 At Dallas (N)

#### 1992 SCHEDULE

		1991 SCORES
September	6 DETROIT	20-10
	13 At New Orleans	20-17
	21 NEW YORK GIANTS (N)	20-17
	27 ATLANTA	—
October	4 At Minnesota	34-17
	11 OPEN DATE	—
	18 TAMPA BAY	27-0
	25 At Green Bay	10-0
November	2 MINNESOTA (N)	10-6
	8 CINCINNATI (N)	—
	15 At Tampa Bay	21-20
	22 GREEN BAY	27-13
	29 At Cleveland	—
December	7 At Houston (N)	—
	13 PITTSBURGH	—
	20 At Detroit	6-16
	27 At Dallas	—



DENNIS GENTRY



NEAL  
ANDERSON



Harbaugh's passer rating slipped from 81.9 to 73.3 because he threw more interceptions (16) than touchdown passes (15). But he solidified his hold on the job by making big plays. There is virtually no experience behind him in Peter Tom Willis and fourth-round pick Will Furrer of Virginia Tech.

Anderson and Muster rarely were healthy at the same time and the results were painfully obvious. Both suffered from recurring hamstring injuries that affected the entire offense. They complement each other so well in blocking, running, and receiving that it was difficult for the Bears to adjust without them. They discovered rookie Darren Lewis too late, but Lewis figures to get more work this season. Mark Green and James Rouse are backups.

The wide-receiver position, once thought below par, developed into a strength with the emergence of a healthy Wendell Davis and the surprising development of Tom Waddle. Davis started every game for the first time and his 61 receptions for 945 yards were 21-year club highs. Waddle, filling in for the injured Ron Morris, became the only Bear to catch a pass in every game. Released three times by the Bears, Waddle proved a charming addi-

tion and established himself as a favorite third-down target.

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The loss of left tackle Jim Covert presents a problem for an offensive line that had been intact since 1985 until Covert's injury last season. John Wojciechowski filled in admirably for Covert after rookie Stan Thomas had a

chance. Thomas lost weight and is back for another try on the left side. The Bears drafted Troy Auzenne in the second-round to push Thomas. Veteran Ron Mattes also plays the left side. An abdomen injury shelved left guard Mark Bortz last season. If it lingers, the Bears will use Jerry Fontenot again in place of the Pro Bowler, although Fontenot is being groomed to succeed center Jay Hilgenberg. Right guard Tom Thayer and right tackle Keith Van Horne are set. Bortz, Hilgenberg, Thayer, and Van Horne are all over 31. Mark Rodenhauser rejoins the club from San Diego's Plan B list for long snaps.

In only two games did the Bears give up over 20 points. The rout in San Francisco was atypical. Still, the Bears spent their No. 1 draft choice on a defensive lineman, Alonzo Spellman. Age and uncertainty up front is a concern for coordinator Vince Tobin. Big-play right end Richard Dent will be 32 by season's end. Left tackle Steve McMichael will be 35. Even right tackle William Perry will be 30, although age is not the primary number that worries the Bears. Perry weighed an unbelievable 390 pounds by the end of last season and Ditka again vowed to get rid of him if he can't control his eating. Behind the tackles, second-year man Chris Zorich gained weight and is now 285. Left end Trace Armstrong, coming off ankle surgery, will be pushed by Spellman. Armstrong moves inside in the nickel rush to make room for linebacker John Roper. The Bears hope Tim Ryan and second-year giant James Williams develop.

This is expected to be the final season for the heart of a perennially good defense: linebacker Mike Singletary. "Outside of the first three games when he was hurt last year [ankle], he probably played as well as he played the last four years," Ditka said. Singletary is flanked by Roper and Jim Morrissey, although the Bears hope Ron Cox is finally recovered from knee problems and can provide the kind



BRAD MUSTER

of impact Roper provided last season when he trailed Dent and McMichael with eight sacks. Morrissey and former starter Ron Rivera are valuable and Singletary is backed up by Dante Jones and Michael Stonebreaker.

The Bears want third-rounder Jeremy Lincoln and sixth-rounder Mark Berry to challenge right cornerback Lemuel Stinson. Donnell Woolford is solid at left cornerback. John

Mangum and James Lott are nickel types with Maurice Douglass able to fill in at all four backfield spots and contribute on special teams. Shaun Gayle and Mark Carrier are two of the best safeties in the business when healthy. With Markus Paul and David Tate behind them, the Bears have depth.

Kevin Butler is coming off an injury that limited his place-kicking; Maury Buford is the punter. The loss of Johnny Bailey to Plan B leaves the return jobs open.

## BEARS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
35	Anderson, Neal	RB	5-11	210	28	Florida
93	Armstrong, Trace	DE	6-4	259	27	Florida
98	Backs, Tom	OL/DL	6-4	273	24	Oklahoma
62	Bortz, Mark	G	6-6	272	31	Iowa
8	Buford, Maury	P	6-0	198	32	Texas Tech
6	Butler, Kevin	K	6-1	190	30	Georgia
20	Carrier, Mark	S	6-1	180	24	Southern Cal
54	Cox, Ron	LB	6-2	242	24	Fresno State
82	Davis, Wendell	WR	5-11	188	26	LSU
95	Dent, Richard	DE	6-5	268	31	Tennessee State
37	Douglass, Maurice	DB	5-11	200	28	Kentucky
	Fain, Richard	CB	5-11	183	24	Florida
67	Fontenot, Jerry	OL	6-3	272	26	Texas A&M
17	Gardocki, Chris	P/K	6-1	194	22	Clemson
23	Gayle, Shaun	S	5-11	194	30	Ohio State
29	Gentry, Dennis	WR	5-8	180	33	Baylor
31	Green, Mark	HB	5-11	184	25	Notre Dame
4	Harbaugh, Jim	QB	6-3	220	28	Michigan
63	Hilgenberg, Jay	C	6-3	260	32	Iowa
89	Ihnat, Eric	TE	6-4	245	24	Marshall
85	Jennings, Keith	TE	6-4	251	26	Clemson
53	Jones, Dante	LB	6-1	236	27	Oklahoma
11	Justin, Paul	QB	6-4	202	24	Arizona State
88	Kozlowski, Glen	WR	6-1	190	30	BYU
70	Kumerow, Eric	DE	6-7	260	27	Ohio State
33	Lewis, Darren	RB	5-10	219	24	Texas A&M
46	Lott, James	CB	5-9	181	25	Clemson
26	Mangum, John	CB	5-10	173	25	Alabama
75	Mattes, Ron	T	6-6	300	29	Virginia
76	McMichael, Steve	DT	6-2	268	34	Texas
81	Morgan, Anthony	WR	6-1	195	25	Tennessee
84	Morris, Ron	WR	6-1	195	28	SMU
51	Morrissey, Jim	LB	6-3	227	30	Michigan State
25	Muster, Brad	FB	6-3	231	27	Stanford
36	Paul, Markus	S	6-2	199	26	Syracuse
72	Perry, William	DT	6-2	350	29	Clemson
59	Rivera, Ron	LB	6-3	240	30	California
	Rodenhauser, Mark	C	6-5	263	31	Illinois State
55	Roper, John	LB	6-1	228	27	Texas A&M
30	Rouse, James	FB	6-0	220	26	Arkansas
96	Ryan, Tim	DT	6-4	268	25	Southern Cal
50	Singletary, Mike	LB	6-0	230	34	Baylor
32	Stinson, Lemuel	CB	5-9	159	26	Texas Tech
58	Stonebreaker, Michael	LB	6-0	226	25	Notre Dame
49	Tate, David	DB	6-0	177	28	Colorado
57	Thayer, Tom	G	6-4	270	31	Notre Dame
60	Thomas, Stan	T	6-5	302	24	Texas
80	Thornton, James	TE	6-2	242	27	Cal-Fullerton
78	Van Horne, Keith	T	6-6	283	35	Southern Cal
87	Waddle, Tom	WR	6-0	181	25	Boston College
71	Williams, James	DE	6-7	305	24	Chapman St.
10	Willis, Peter Tom	QB	6-2	200	25	Florida St.
73	Wojciechowski, John	OL	6-4	270	29	Michigan State
21	Woolford, Donnell	CB	5-9	187	26	Clemson
83	Wright, Eric	WR	6-0	197	23	Stephen F. Austin
97	Zorich, Chris	DT	6-1	285	23	Notre Dame

## DRAFTIES

rd.	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Spellman, Alonzo	DE	6-5	280	Ohio State
2	Auzenne, Troy	OT	6-7	282	California
3	Lincoln, Jeremy	DB	5-10	180	Tennessee
4	Furrer, Will	QB	6-3	208	Virginia Tech
5	Harrison, Todd	TE	6-4	260	N.C. State
6	Berry, Mark	DB	5-11	180	Texas
7	Brown, John	WR	6-1	199	Houston
9	Jurkovic, Mirko	G	6-3	283	Notre Dame
10	Fisher, Nikki	RB	5-10	227	Virginia
11	Age, Louis	OT	6-7	340	SW Louisiana
12	Wilson, Chris	LB	6-1	227	Oklahoma



# DETROIT LIONS

The Lions are trying to forget their memorable 12-4 season and proceed with business as usual. Not that they weren't ecstatic to advance into the NFC championship game, but their 41-10 loss to the Redskins underscored just how far they have yet to go.

"A very learned coach in this league told me, 'Boy did you make a mistake. You should have gone 8-8 or 9-7,'" Lions coach Wayne Fontes said.

Expectations following a surprise 12-4 showing often exceed reality. So the Lions got busy in offseason changes and acquisitions just as if they had finished .500. One of Fontes' first moves was to hire offensive coordinator Dan Henning to inject more old-fashioned bulk into the offense. Say good-bye to the run-and-shoot, or Silver Stretch, as Mouse Davis's old formations used to be called.

Already potent by the mere presence of Barry Sanders, the offense needs more diversity. Henning was an architect of the one-back offense employed by the Redskins, utilizing multiple wide receivers yet not ignoring the tight ends, or H-backs. Fontes wants to keep the four-wide-receiver sets that were exploited so well last season by former third-string quarterback Erik Kramer, but he wants to give Sanders help in the backfield at times and allow his team the alternative of grinding out short yardage when necessary.

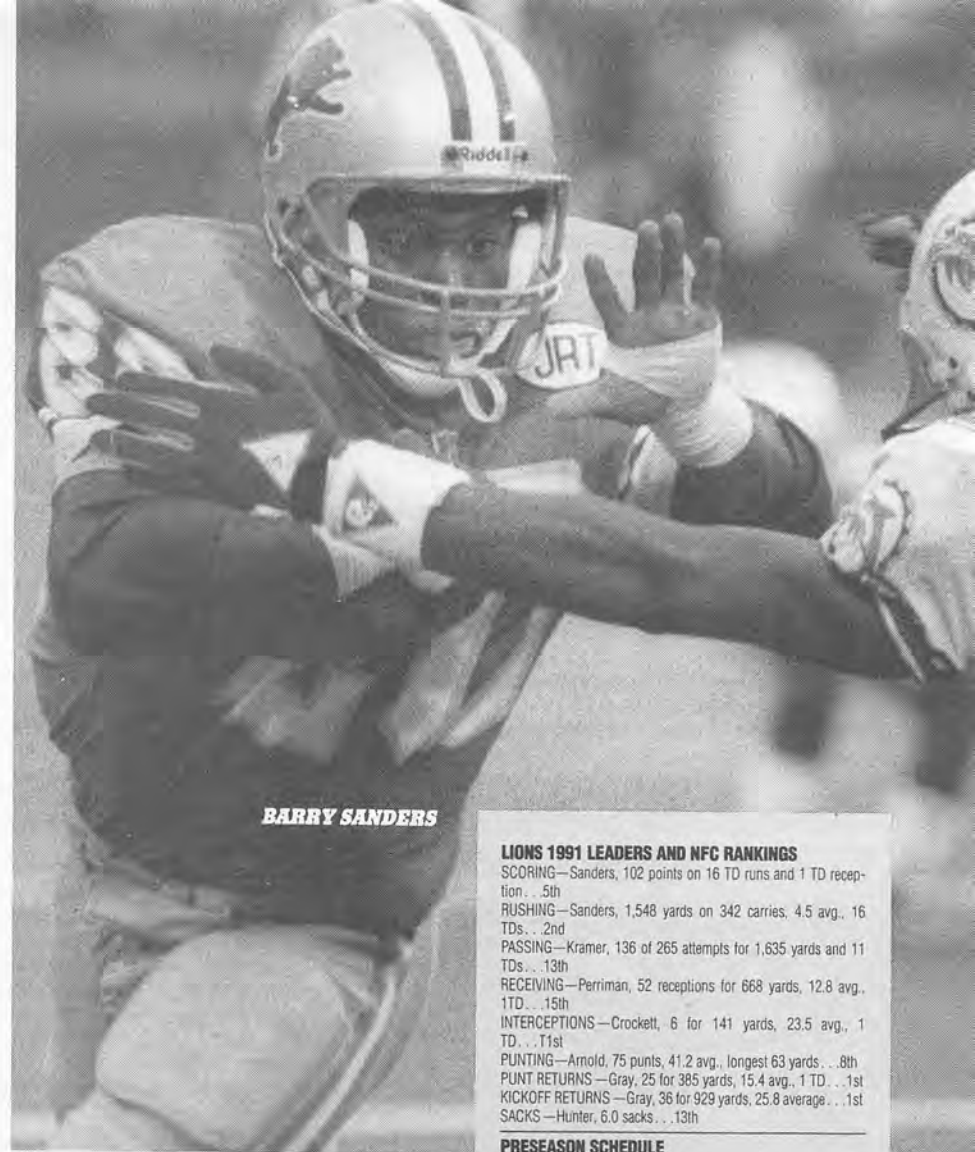
"We need to get more balance in this offense, more running. When we got close to the goal line, we were rejected many times," Fontes said.



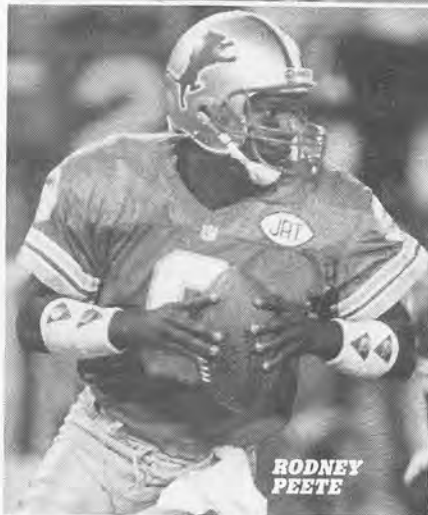
MEL GRAY

Furthermore, the Lions went all out to try to land Saints' pass rusher Pat Swilling as a restricted free agent. When the Saints matched the offer, the Lions got lucky in the 26th spot of the draft by landing first defensive tackle Robert Porcher of South Carolina State and then linebacker Tracy Scroggins of Tulsa in the second round. Both deserved higher attention, according to the Lions' grades. For a defense crying for pass-rush help, it seemed a dual gift.

Kramer was outstanding in relief of the injured Rodney Peete last year and if Peete's Achilles injury or contract negotiations delay his return, Kramer will have the inside track again. Both Peete and Kramer seem capable of keeping Andre Ware on the bench for the



BARRY SANDERS



RODNEY PEETE

third season, but the Lions insist they want Ware around to develop. Chuck Long also remained on the roster as emergency help.

The receiving corps is changing faces with the departure of Robert Clark and the arrival of six tight ends to a roster that once boasted of none. Washington's Jimmie Johnson was a Plan B addition with H-back experience. The Lions discovered the unheralded Tom McLe-more of Southern University in the draft and have more plans for Derek Tennell. Former

## LIONS 1991 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Sanders, 102 points on 16 TD runs and 1 TD reception... 5th  
RUSHING—Sanders, 1,548 yards on 342 carries, 4.5 avg., 16 TDs... 2nd  
PASSING—Kramer, 136 of 265 attempts for 1,635 yards and 11 TDs... 13th  
RECEIVING—Perriman, 52 receptions for 668 yards, 12.8 avg., 1 TD... 15th  
INTERCEPTIONS—Crockett, 6 for 141 yards, 23.5 avg., 1 TD... 11st  
PUNTING—Arnold, 75 punts, 41.2 avg., longest 63 yards... 8th  
PUNT RETURNS—Gray, 25 for 385 yards, 15.4 avg., 1 TD... 1st  
KICKOFF RETURNS—Gray, 36 for 929 yards, 25.8 average... 1st  
SACKS—Hunter, 6.0 sacks... 13th

## PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 8 HOUSTON (N)  
17 At Buffalo (N)  
22 NEW ENGLAND (N)  
28 At Cincinnati (N)

## 1992 SCHEDULE

		1991 SCORES
September	6 At Chicago.....	10-20
	13 MINNESOTA.....	24-20
	20 At Washington.....	0-45
	27 TAMPA BAY.....	31-3
October	4 NEW ORLEANS.....	—
	11 OPEN DATE.....	—
	15 At Minnesota (N).....	34-14
	25 At Tampa Bay.....	21-30
November	1 GREEN BAY.....	23-14
	8 DALLAS.....	34-10
	15 At Pittsburgh.....	—
	22 At Cincinnati.....	—
	26 HOUSTON.....	—
December	6 Green Bay at Milwaukee.....	21-17
	13 CLEVELAND.....	—
	20 CHICAGO.....	16-6
	28 At San Francisco (N).....	3-35

great tight end and now receivers coach Charlie Sanders will finally have players with whom he can relate.

Said Henning, former San Diego coach: "Wayne wanted to power the ball, not just finesse run it all the time. It kind of fit with what I wanted to do."

The development of wideouts Willie Green and Herman Moore excites Fontes. They are big, outside targets who can clear out and allow the smaller inside receivers like Brett Perriman and Mike Farr to operate. Reggie Barrett is another big, second-year man like Moore who spent most of last season on in-



jured reserve and is ready to make a move. Aubrey Matthews and Jeff Campbell also will compete for playing time.

The offensive line expects the return of right tackle Eric Sanders from a knee injury, although second-year man Scott Conover will provide a fight after gaining valuable experience as a rookie. Left tackle Lomas Brown remains one of the best in the business and right guard Ken Dallafior filled in well for the tragically injured Mike Utley, who remains an inspiration for the whole team. Center Kevin Glover and left guard Eric Andolsek are solid and underrated, but the line depth is suspect with only Bubba Paris, Shawn Bouwens, and rookie Larry Tharpe as backups.

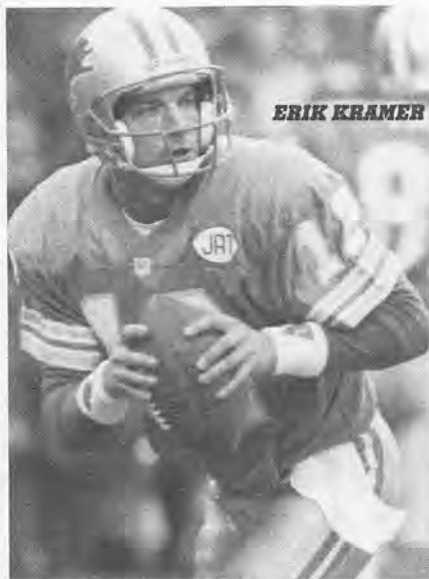
Barry Sanders is the best in the business, capable of disrupting any defensive scheme stacked against him. Exploiting his talent more is Henning's challenge. With D.J. Dozier playing baseball in the New York Mets organization, there is virtually no experience behind Sanders, and none needed.

The addition of Porcher and Scroggins and the return from injury of Jerry Ball has defensive coordinator Woody Widenhofer thinking four-man front again. He tried it last year in the season opener and dumped the idea after the Redskins won 45-0.

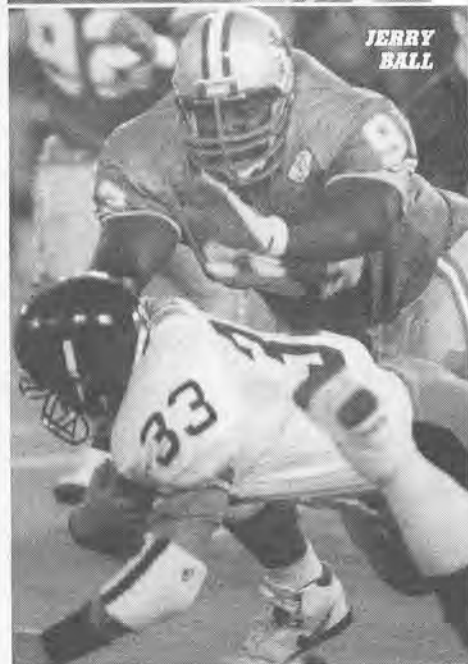
If last year's first-round pick Kelvin Pritchett can develop and sturdy ends Marc Spindler and Dan Owens continue to improve, the Lions could have more good linemen than linebackers. Porcher has the size and pass-rush ability to play inside or outside in a four-man front. Ball has the talent to play anywhere. Generally considered the league's best nose tackle, he could adapt to a four-man line. Lawrence Pete played nose tackle in Ball's absence and Darryl Milburn and Jeff Hunter are in the picture.

At linebacker, the health of Mike Cofer remains a concern, although delayed offseason

knee surgery may finally correct a problem that plagued him all year. Cofer once was one of the league's most feared pass rushers. In his absence, Tracy Hayworth showed considerable talent, but he also is rehabbing from a knee injury. Scroggins will get a long look and George Jamison, outstanding as the nickel linebacker and starter on the left side, may get added responsibility in the pass-rush department. Inside, Chris Spielman makes big plays against the run and is an inspiring leader. Dennis Gibson is reliable beside him. Victor Jones and Toby Caston are backups.



ERIK KRAMER



JERRY BALL



CHRIS SPIELMAN

The secondary was outstanding, especially considering it was working behind an ordinary pass rush. Left cornerback Ray Crockett tied for the NFC interception lead, with six, and Melvin Jenkins was more than adequate on the other corner. Free safety Bennie Blades lived up to his potential by making the Pro Bowl despite only one interception. He is learning to control the deep middle. With Ball, Spielman, and Blades, the Lions have the nu-

cleus of a defense that can dominate. Strong safety William White also is solid and probably the team's best tackler. Sheldon White, Herb Welch, Plan B addition Harry Colon from New England, and rookie Willie Clay will compete for backup spots.

The Lions drafted Jason Hanson, the best place-kicker in college, and said good-bye to long-time friend Eddie Murray. Jim Arnold is the punter. Mel Gray is the best kick and punt returner in the league by far.

Anything less than a second NFC Central Division title will disappoint Detroit fans, who saw their first home playoff game since 1957. But Fontes knows a repeat performance will not be easy. "I think we were ahead of schedule. It was something we were looking at five years down the road when we started, and it happened in three years," he said.

#### LIONS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	college
65	Andolsek, Eric	G	6-2	291	26	LSU
6	Arnold, Jim	P	6-3	211	31	Vanderbilt
93	Ball, Jerry	NT	6-1	298	28	SMU
40	Barrett, Reggie	WR	6-3	215	23	UTEP
36	Blades, Bennie	S	6-1	221	26	Miami
66	Bouwens, Shawn	OG	6-4	290	24	Neb.-Westleyan
75	Brown, Lomas	T	6-4	287	29	Florida
87	Campbell, Jeff	WR	5-8	167	24	Colorado
50	Caston, Toby	LB	6-1	243	27	LSU
55	Cofer, Michael	LB	6-5	244	32	Tennessee
21	Colon, Harry	S	5-11	203	23	Missouri
76	Conover, Scott	OG	6-4	285	24	Purdue
39	Crockett, Ray	CB	5-9	181	25	Baylor
67	Dallafior, Ken	OL	6-4	285	33	Minnesota
42	Dozier, D. J.	RB	6-0	205	27	Penn State
81	Farr, Mike	WR	5-10	192	25	UCLA
95	Ford, Darryl	LB	6-1	225	26	New Mexico St.
98	Gibson, Dennis	LB	6-2	243	28	Iowa State
53	Glover, Kevin	C	6-2	282	29	Maryland
23	Gray, Mel	WR	5-9	162	31	Purdue
86	Green, Willie	WR	6-2	179	26	Mississippi
74	Griffin, Willie	DE	6-3	286	26	Nebraska
73	Halburton, Sheldon	T	6-6	315	24	Texas A&I
99	Hayworth, Tracy	LB	6-3	260	25	Tennessee
97	Hunter, Jeff	DE	6-5	285	26	Albany State
58	Jamison, George	LB	6-1	228	30	Cincinnati
24	Jenkins, Melvin	CB	5-10	173	30	Cincinnati
48	Johnson, Jimmie	TE	6-2	248	26	Howard
14	Jones, Greg	QB	6-2	208	25	West Virginia
57	Jones, Victor	LB	6-2	250	26	Virginia Tech
12	Kramer, Erik	QB	6-1	195	28	N.C. St.
72	Linn, Jack	T	6-5	278	25	West Virginia
89	Little, David	TE	6-2	226	31	Middle Tenn. St.
16	Long, Chuck	QB	6-4	217	29	Iowa
83	Matthews, Aubrey	WR	5-7	165	30	Delta State
79	Milburn, Darryl	DE	6-3	260	24	Grambling
84	Moore, Herman	WR	6-3	205	23	Virginia
3	Murray, Eddie	K	5-10	180	36	Tulane
90	Owens, Dan	DE	6-3	280	25	Southern Cal
77	Paris, Bubba	T	6-6	315	32	Michigan
9	Pete, Rodney	QB	6-0	193	26	Southern Cal
80	Perriman, Brett	WR	5-9	180	27	Miami
96	Pete, Lawrence	NT	6-0	295	26	Nebraska
94	Pritchett, Kelvin	DE	6-2	281	23	Mississippi
44	Riley, Eugene	TE	6-3	238	26	Ball State
20	Sanders, Barry	RB	5-8	203	24	Oklahoma State
64	Sanders, Eric	OL	6-7	286	34	Nevada
38	Scott, Kevin	CB	5-9	175	23	Stanford
54	Spielman, Chris	LB	6-0	247	27	Ohio State
92	Spindler, Marc	DL	6-5	290	23	Pittsburgh
46	Tennell, Derek	TE	6-5	270	28	UCLA
11	Ware, Andre	QB	6-2	205	24	Houston
27	Welch, Herb	S	5-11	180	31	UCLA
25	White, Sheldon	CB	5-11	188	27	Miami (OH)
35	White, William	S	5-10	191	26	Ohio State

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1	Porcher, Robert	DT	6-4	283	South Carolina St.
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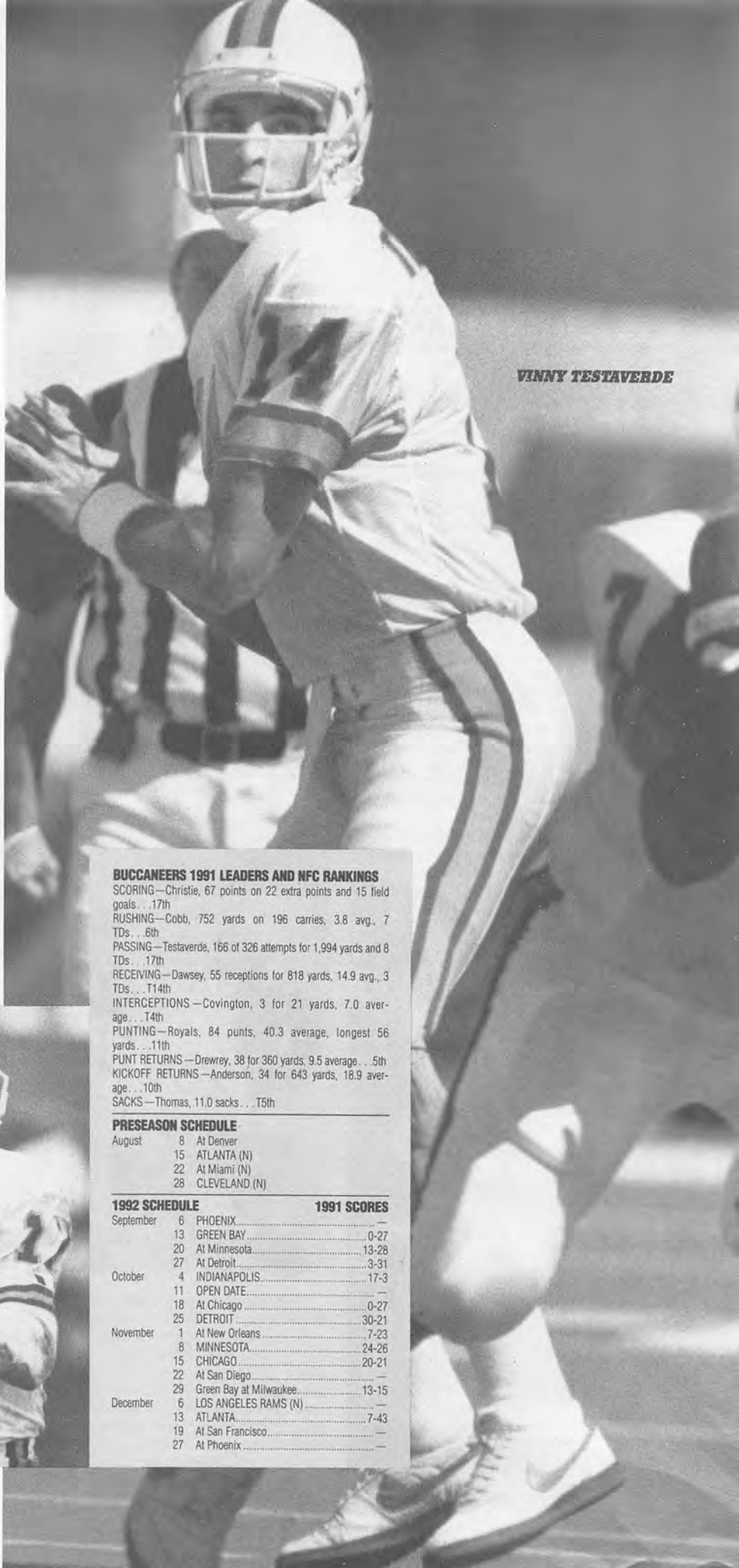
# TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Bring your old, your tired, your lame, your recycled, your young, and Tampa Bay will give them jobs. "This team was too young," said coach Sam Wyche after bringing in several veterans, including 38-year-old quarterback Steve DeBerg for his second tour of Buccaneer duty. Wyche himself is recycled from the Cincinnati Bengals, but at least he is someone with a familiar name and a disarming way with fans who are getting fed up.

"I like his brains," said owner Hugh Culverhouse. Wyche had the good sense to take the job and keep it after Bill Parcells took the job and shoved it. One of Wyche's first pranks was to set up an April Fool's walkout with local television stations. It might not seem so funny unless Wyche can turn some of his amateur magic tricks into real professional change. Vinny Testaverde is first on the agenda. Wyche is the third head coach to try to pull a quarterback out of Testaverde's head.

Already, Wyche has taken steps toward his goal. He hired Turk Schonert to tutor Vinny. Then he signed DeBerg off Kansas City's Plan B list to go over the ropes that DeBerg explained as the Buccaneer quarterback in Testaverde's rookie season of 1987. Next, Wyche drafted Craig Erickson, who threw for two fewer yards at Miami as Testaverde's successor. Erickson was drafted in 1991 by Philadelphia and sat out unsigned while rehabilitating a knee injury. Finally, the Bucs drafted Cal's Mike Pawlawski, a fiery kid who will agree to cover kicks if he isn't starting.

The Bucs signed 10 Plan B players and lost 10. If they could just win as many games as they lose, it would be a decided improvement. If Testaverde could throw as many touchdown passes as interceptions, it would be a first. The Bucs finished 28th in passing last season, Testaverde's fifth in the league. Impatience turned to imprudence and then to embarrassment when the Bucs gave up their No. 1 draft pick to the Indianapolis Colts to land quarterback Chris Chandler, who started a few games and was released. Testaverde will get plenty to think about in Wyche's sometimes confusing, often no-huddle offense. It worked in Cincinnati with Boomer Esiason and if it



VINNY TESTAVERDE

## BUCCANEERS 1991 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

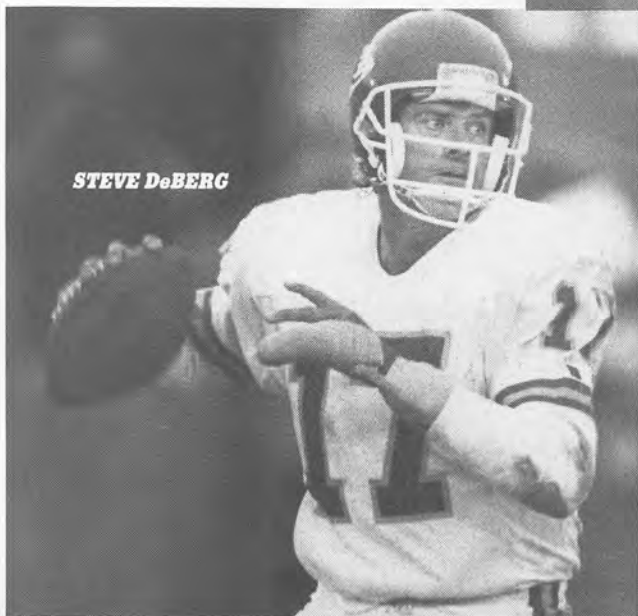
SCORING—Christie, 67 points on 22 extra points and 15 field goals...17th  
 RUSHING—Cobb, 752 yards on 196 carries, 3.8 avg., 7 TDs...6th  
 PASSING—Testaverde, 166 of 326 attempts for 1,994 yards and 8 TDs...17th  
 RECEIVING—Dawsey, 55 receptions for 818 yards, 14.9 avg., 3 TDs...14th  
 INTERCEPTIONS—Covington, 3 for 21 yards, 7.0 average...14th  
 PUNTING—Royals, 84 punts, 40.3 average, longest 56 yards...11th  
 PUNT RETURNS—Drewrey, 38 for 360 yards, 9.5 average...5th  
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Anderson, 34 for 643 yards, 18.9 average...10th  
 SACKS—Thomas, 11.0 sacks...15th

## PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 8 At Denver  
 15 ATLANTA (N)  
 22 At Miami (N)  
 28 CLEVELAND (N)

## 1992 SCHEDULE

		1991 SCORES
September	6 PHOENIX.....	—
	13 GREEN BAY.....	0-27
	20 At Minnesota.....	13-28
	27 At Detroit.....	3-31
October	4 INDIANAPOLIS.....	17-3
	11 OPEN DATE.....	—
	18 At Chicago.....	0-27
	25 DETROIT.....	30-21
November	1 At New Orleans.....	7-23
	8 MINNESOTA.....	24-26
	15 CHICAGO.....	20-21
	22 At San Diego.....	—
	29 Green Bay at Milwaukee.....	13-15
December	6 LOS ANGELES RAMS (N).....	—
	13 ATLANTA.....	7-43
	19 At San Francisco.....	—
	27 At Phoenix.....	—



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doesn't work quickly with Testaverde, there will be no more reprieves. DeBerg will take over until Erickson or somebody else can figure it out. The Bucs used their No. 2 draft pick, their first of the day, to land Michigan State receiver Courtney Hawkins as a concession to Testaverde that he needs more help. The Bucs were the only NFC Central Division team to draft on offense with their initial pick.

Hawkins will join last year's draft steal, Lawrence Dawsey, plus trade acquisition Ricky Nattiel from Denver and holdover Mark Carrier to give Testaverde the targets he may have lacked. Assuming Wyche can find a better way to utilize the considerable talents of unsung tight end Ron Hall, Testaverde should have few excuses on the receiving end. Tyji Armstrong is a big, third-round tight end prospect from Mississippi who will back up Hall. Although the group lacks burning speed, Dawsey was the most productive rookie receiver in the league last year and is a fearless fighter for the ball. With the addition of Nattiel and Hawkins, last year's third receiver, Willie Drewrey, will be pressed for work.

Wyche also should be able to find a place for running back/receiver Gary Anderson, the man with no position. A James Brooks-type role seems best suited for the elusive Anderson, who still possesses moves that turn heads. Reggie Cobb emerged as the No. 1 tailback with 553 yards in the final eight games. Only Barry Sanders, Emmitt Smith, and Thurman Thomas outrushed Cobb over that period. He also is the Bucs' leading scoring threat and should thrive in a Wyche offense that is partial to runners. Robert Wilson was promising as a rookie fullback, and if Wyche can get anything out of reclamation project Alonzo Highsmith, it will be an unexpected bonus. Up front, Testaverde is assured of better protection with the signing of Plan B guard Bruce Reimers from Cincinnati. Reimers will line up next to Paul Gruber on the left side, where Gruber has yet to miss a single play in four years in the league.

If last year's No. 1 draft choice, Charles McRae, is ready to take over at right tackle, it will allow veteran tackle Rob Taylor to move to right guard. McRae started as a rookie but had to be replaced by Taylor, who wound up being voted an offensive co-captain by teammates. Reimers and Taylor would supplant last year's guards, Tom McHale and Ian Beckles. Tony Mayberry is the center. Scott

Dill is a backup at all positions and Tim Ryan can play center and guard. The addition of 6-8, 300-pound John Hunter from Atlanta on Plan B helps the average size. Wyche got the job when he agreed to keep Floyd Peters as defensive coordinator, thus saving the players from learning under a fourth defensive coordinator in four years. Under Peters' system, the Bucs improved from 24th to 11th in overall defense but still couldn't stop the run well enough to win. Third-round draft choice Mark Wheeler from Texas A&M will have an instant starting job if he shows any talent as a run-stuffer inside.

The conversion of Keith McCants to a down lineman worked well for a first year. He had five sacks before suffering a shoulder injury that required surgery and will keep him away from contact an undetermined time. Peters needs him and so does right outside linebacker Broderick Thomas. Tim Newton and Rhett Hall are holdovers at tackle and Ray Seals proved an adequate left end, but upgrading on the defensive line is a priority the Bucs were unable to address satisfactorily in either Plan B or the draft. The return of Reuben Davis from a knee injury would be welcome and fifth-rounder Santana Dotson of Baylor will get every chance to play. Jesse Solomon arrived just in time to plug the middle for Peters' linebacking corps between Thomas and Kevin Murphy, who will be challenged by Minnesota trade acquisition Jimmy Williams. Thomas was outstanding, finishing with 11 sacks and leading the team in tackles, tackles for loss, and fumbles forced. He backs up his big talk and will only get better with help. Plan B additions Ed Brady and Reggie Burnette replaced Plan B deletions Eugene Marve and Sam Anno. New Orleans Plan B addition Milton Mack will get a shot to start at right cornerback opposite unsung left corner Ricky Reyn-

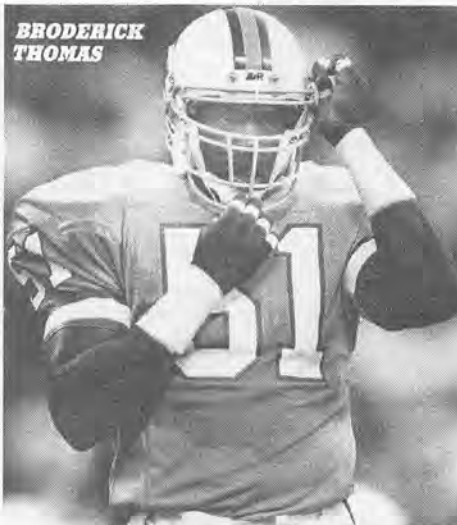


SAM WYCHE

# BUCCANEERS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
40	Anderson, Gary	RB	6-1	190	31	Arkansas
89	Anderson, Jesse	TE	6-2	245	26	Mississippi St.
85	Anthony, Terry	WR	6-0	200	24	Florida St.
62	Beckles, Ian	OG	6-1	295	25	Indiana
53	Brady, Ed	LB	6-2	235	30	Illinois
47	Burnette, Reggie	LB	6-2	240	24	Houston
88	Carrier, Mark	WR	6-0	185	27	Nicholls St.
44	Carter, Carl	CB	5-11	180	28	Texas Tech
23	Carter, Marty	S	5-1	200	23	Middle Tenn. St.
57	Chamblee, Al	DE	6-1	240	24	Virginia Tech
93	Clark, Irvin	DL	6-3	275	27	Florida A&M
34	Cobb, Reggie	RB	6-0	215	24	Tennessee
25	Covington, Tony	S	5-11	190	25	Virginia
19	Culpepper, Willie	WR	5-11	155	25	SW Louisiana
79	Davis, Reuben	DL	6-4	295	27	North Carolina
80	Dawsey, Lawrence	WR	6-0	195	25	Florida St.
17	DeBerg, Steve	QB	6-3	215	38	San Jose St.
76	Dill, Scott	OT	6-5	285	26	Memphis St.
87	Drewrey, Willie	WR	5-7	170	29	West Virginia
95	Duckens, Mark	DL	6-4	270	27	Arizona St.
33	Frizzell, William	S	6-3	205	30	N.C. Central
27	Fullington, Darrell	S	6-1	195	28	Miami
81	Garrett, John	WR	5-11	170	27	Princeton
60	Grimes, Randy	C	6-4	275	32	Baylor
74	Gruber, Paul	OT	6-5	290	27	Wisconsin
91	Hall, Rhett	DL	6-2	260	24	California
82	Hall, Ron	TE	6-4	245	28	Hawaii
36	Hardy, Robert	RB	5-10	210	25	Carson-Newman
35	Hickson, Hyland	RB	5-9	220	23	Michigan St.
32	Highsmith, Alonzo	FB	6-1	235	27	Miami
84	Hill, Bruce	WR	6-0	180	28	Arizona St.
31	Hopkins, Marcus	DB	6-0	190	23	Southern Cal
62	Hunter, John	OL	6-8	300	27	BYU
28	Jennings, Stanford	RB	6-1	210	30	Furman
24	Jones, Roger	CB	5-9	175	23	Tennessee St.
41	King, Joe	CB	6-2	200	24	Oklahoma St.
65	Kirkland, Dean	OG	6-2	290	24	Washington
22	Lilly, Sammy	DB	5-11	175	27	Georgia Tech
21	Mack, Milton	CB	5-11	180	29	Alcorn St.
94	Mart, Robert	DL	6-6	290	27	Notre Dame
78	Mavey, Curtis	DL	6-3	300	27	Grambling
61	Mayberry, Tony	C	6-4	285	25	Wake Forest
52	McCants, Keith	DE	6-3	265	24	Alabama
73	McHale, Tom	OG	6-4	280	29	Cornell
70	McRae, Charles	OT	6-7	290	24	Tennessee
59	Murphy, Kevin	LB	6-2	235	29	Oklahoma
83	Nattiel, Ricky	WR	5-9	180	26	Florida
96	Newton, Tim	DL	6-0	275	29	Florida
66	Reimers, Bruce	OG	6-7	300	32	Iowa St.
29	Reynolds, Ricky	CB	5-11	190	27	Washington St.
30	Robinson, Mark	S	5-11	200	30	Penn. St.
75	Rogers, Reggie	DE	6-6	280	28	Washington
64	Ryan, Tim	OG	6-2	280	24	Notre Dame
98	Seals, Ray	DE	6-3	270	27	None
19	Simmons, Stacy	WR	5-9	180	24	Florida
55	Solomon, Jesse	LB	6-0	235	29	Florida St.
4	Stryzinski, Dan	P	6-1	195	27	Indiana
67	Sullivan, Mike	OG	6-3	280	25	Miami
72	Taylor, Rob	OT	6-6	290	32	Northwestern
14	Testaverde, Vinny	QB	6-5	215	29	Miami
51	Thomas, Broderick	LB	6-4	245	25	Nebraska
58	Tiggle, Calvin	LB	6-1	235	24	Georgia Tech
54	Williams, Jimmy	LB	6-3	230	32	Nebraska
1	Willis, Keri	K	5-11	190	26	Kentucky
20	Wilson, Robert	FB	6-0	240	23	Texas A & M

## BRODERICK THOMAS



olds. Rookies Tony Covington and Marty Carter started at safety and will be helped by Plan B additions Joe King from Cleveland and Sammy Lilly from the Rams. Darrell Fullington, William Frizzell, and rookie Rogerick Green of Kansas State will get looks as backups.

Wyche's first crisis was losing place-kicker Steve Christie to the Buffalo Bills. The Bucs turned around and stole Ken Willis from Dallas. They also signed punter Dan Stryzinski from Pittsburgh to replace Mark Royals, who went to the Steelers.

## DRAFTES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
2	Hawkins, Courtney	WR	5-9	180	Michigan State
3	Wheeler, Mark	NT	6-2	290	Texas A&M
3	Armstrong, Tyji	TE	6-4	255	Mississippi
4	Erickson, Craig	QB	6-2	195	Miami
5	Green, Rogerick	CB	5-10	180	Kansas St.
6	Dotson, Santana	DE	6-5	270	Baylor
6	Malone, James	LB	6-2	235	UCLA
7	Swilling, Ken	SS	6-2	245	Georgia Tech
8	McDowell, Anthony	FB	5-11	230	Texas Tech
8	Pawlowski, Mike	QB	6-1	205	California
10	Alexander, Elijah	LB	6-2	230	Kansas State
11	Royster, Mazio	RB	6-1	205	Southern Cal
12	Wilmsmeyer, Klaus	P	6-1	210	Louisville



PAUL GRUBER



## GREEN BAY PACKERS

Starting from scratch is something the Packers do well because they have done it so often. With the rebuilding plans of Tom Braatz and Lindy Infante headed in the wrong direction, the Packers did what any major American corporation would do these days: They

hired a management consultant, Sibson and Company, to tell them what to do. The advice came from corporate headquarters in Chicago, which should make Packer fans a little suspicious. But at least the Bears provided a good role model in the '80s.

New general manager Ron Wolf has more power than anyone in Green Bay since Vince Lombardi. New coach Mike Holmgren is accountable to Wolf and is different from Infante. The Packers had to explain the difference because both Infante and Holmgren know how to coach the passing game. The difference, Wolf said, is Holmgren's offenses in San Francisco always included a healthy dose of run.

Lombardi made running to daylight both useful and legendary. But gradually, the Packers have been creeping to darkness. Wolf and Holmgren are aware that each coach since Lombardi has had a progressively worse record, from Phil Bengtson to Dan Devine to Bart Starr to Forrest Gregg to Infante. Wolf, who built his reputation by scouting

for the Raiders, believes the demise of the organization is simple to analyze. "We only won four games, so what does that tell you about our talent level?" he asked.

One of the first things Wolf and Holmgren agreed upon was the need for a quarterback. The next thing they agreed upon was Brett Favre. They had scouted him before the 1991 draft at the same time while working for different teams. Both came away impressed, so they wasted no time in getting a deal done with the Falcons to land Favre as a "future prospect." The future is just as soon as Favre figures out the snap count, unless Don Majkowski somehow bounces back from two years of shoulder problems.

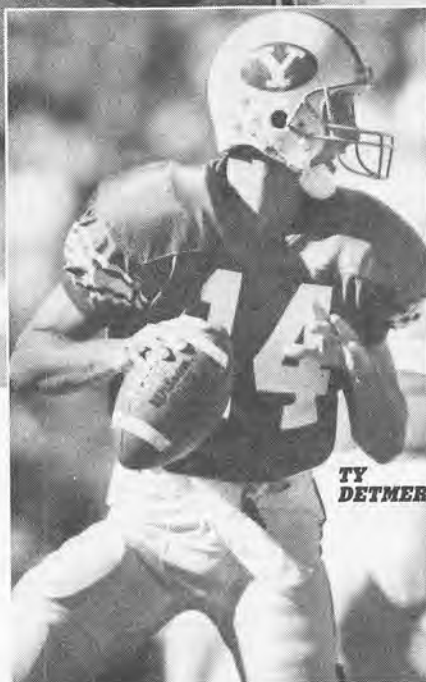
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no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
74	Archambeau, Lester	DE	6-5	271	25	Stanford
67	Ard, Billy	G	6-3	273	33	Wake Forest
32	Avery, Steve	FB	6-1	225	26	Northern Michigan
82	Beach, Sanjay	WR	6-1	190	26	Colorado State
90	Bennett, Tony	LB	6-2	242	25	Mississippi
34	Billups, Lewis	CB	5-11	182	29	North Alabama
51	Brady, Jeff	LB	6-1	230	24	Kentucky
6	Bridwell, Jeff	QB	6-5	217	25	Cal-Davis
62	Brock, Matt	DE	6-5	290	26	Oregon
93	Brown, Robert	DE	6-3	278	32	Virginia Tech
36	Butler, LeRoy	CB	6-0	195	24	Florida State
63	Campan, James	C	6-2	275	28	Tulane
26	Cecil, Chuck	S	6-0	190	28	Arizona
78	Cheek, Louis	OL	6-7	286	28	Texas A&M
25	Clark, Vinnie	CB	6-0	194	23	Ohio State
77	Conover, Frank	NT	6-5	325	24	Syracuse
60	Cullinane, Gene	OL	6-3	271	26	Washburn
99	Davey, Don	DE	6-4	273	24	Wisconsin
42	Dean, Walter	FB	5-10	216	24	Grambling
56	Dent, Burnell	LB	6-1	233	29	Tulane
41	Dixon, James	WR	5-10	184	25	Houston
49	Evans, Jerry	TE	6-4	250	24	Toledo
4	Favre, Brett	QB	6-2	220	23	Southern Miss.
21	Fuller, Joe	CB	5-11	186	28	Northern Iowa
58	Garten, Joe	OL	6-2	289	24	Colorado
65	Hallstrom, Ron	G	6-6	305	33	Iowa
80	Harris, Jackie	TE	6-3	243	24	NE Louisiana
24	Hauk, Tim	S	5-11	181	26	Montana
50	Holland, Johnny	LB	6-2	232	27	Texas A&M
44	Holmes, Jerry	CB	6-1	178	35	West Virginia
48	Ingram, Darryl	TE	6-3	245	26	California
13	Jacke, Chris	K	6-0	197	26	UTEP
19	Jackson, Pat	WR	5-9	175	23	Kansas State
92	Jurkovic, John	NT	6-2	297	25	Eastern Illinois
81	Kemp, Perry	WR	5-11	163	31	California (PA)
59	Larson, Kurt	LB	6-4	241	26	Michigan State
28	Lloyd, Doug	FB	6-1	230	27	North Dakota St.
7	Majkowski, Don	QB	6-2	206	28	Virginia
79	Mandrich, Tony	OL	6-5	310	26	Michigan State
97	McDonald, Mike	LB	6-1	240	34	Southern Cal.
16	McJulien, Paul	P	5-10	190	27	Jackson State
47	Mitchell, Roland	DB	5-11	198	28	Texas Tech
57	Moran, Rich	G	6-3	280	30	San Diego St.
37	Murphy, Mark	S	6-2	209	24	West Liberty
91	Noble, Brian	LB	6-4	250	30	Arizona State
96	Patterson, Shawn	DE	6-5	273	28	Arizona State
95	Paup, Bryce	LB	6-5	247	24	Northern Iowa
64	Porter, Rapier	G	6-3	276	26	Ark-Pine Bluff
31	Rice, Allen	RB	5-10	206	30	Baylor
73	Robbins, Tootie	T	6-5	310	34	East Carolina
75	Ruettgers, Ken	T	6-6	286	30	Southern Cal
84	Sharpe, Sterling	WR	6-1	205	27	South Carolina
68	Singletary, Reggie	T	6-4	296	28	North Carolina
54	Stephen, Scott	LB	6-2	243	28	Arizona State
85	Taylor, Kitrick	WR	5-11	189	28	Washington State
39	Thompson, Darrell	RB	6-0	227	25	Minnesota
18	Tomczak, Mike	QB	6-1	204	30	Ohio State
61	Townsend, Andre	DE	6-3	265	30	Mississippi
98	Tuaoilo, Esera	NT	6-2	284	24	Oregon State
76	Vienne, David	OL	6-5	300	27	Minnesota-Duluth
35	Washington, Charles	S	6-1	220	26	Cameron
30	Webb, Chuck	RB	5-9	201	23	Tennessee
86	West, Ed	TE	6-1	244	31	Auburn
38	White, Adrian	S	6-0	205	28	Florida
88	Wilson, Charles	WR	5-9	178	24	Memphis State
29	Wilson, Marcus	RB	6-1	210	24	Virginia
52	Winters, Frank	OL	6-3	285	28	Western Illinois
46	Workman, Vince	RB	5-10	201	24	Ohio State

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1	Buckley, Terrell	CB	5-9	174	Florida State
2	D'Onofrio, Mark	LB	6-2	236	Penn State
3	Brooks, Robert	WR	6-0	175	South Carolina
4	Bennett, Edgar	FB	6-0	208	Florida St.
5	McNabb, Dexter	FB	6-1	238	Florida
5	McCoy, Orlando	WR	5-10	175	Washington
6	Chmura, Mark	TE	6-5	235	Boston College
7	Holder, Chris	WR	5-11	185	Tuskegee
9	Detmer, Ty	QB	5-11	179	Brigham Young
10	Bradley, Shazron	NT	6-1	272	Tennessee
10	Oberg, Andrew	T	6-6	300	North Carolina
11	Mokwuh, Gabriel	LB	6-1	254	American International
12	Collins, Brett	LB	6-2	228	Washington

### DON MAJKOWSKI



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The other significant move by Holmgren was the hiring of Sherman Lewis as offensive coordinator and Ray Rhodes as defensive coordinator. The two assistants were respected members of the 49er staff and give the Packers the first pair of African-American coordinators in the NFL. In a town where African-American players often have discovered difficulties in adjusting, Holmgren's decision could have far-reaching implications.

The Packers are the league leader in Plan B signings in the four-year history of the free



agency grab bag. Wolf added 10 bodies, one or two of which are expected to challenge for starting jobs.

There will be a short honeymoon for the new regime. Packer backers lobbied for Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard in the draft, and after the Redskins jumped over the Packers with a trade to take Howard, Wolf ignored Wisconsin cornerback Troy Vincent in favor of Florida State cornerback Terrell Buckley. It was a bold decision and Buckley is the brash, finger-pointing type to make fans remember if it was a mistake. Fans also will remember they are paying \$5 more a seat this year.

Holmgren could have had the 49ers' Steve Young if he had pushed a trade with Wolf. Instead, the Packers chose to start over with Favre, take a chance on Majkowski, and take a flyer in the ninth round on 1990 Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer of Brigham Young.

After all, if Majkowski turned out so well as a 10th-rounder, why can't Detmer make it? Then there is reliable Mike Tomczak, who usually gets the job done when nobody else does.

Getting receiving help for Sterling Sharpe is another mandate the Packers tried to satisfy by signing San Francisco's Sanjay Beach in Plan B. Only people who watched 49er practices had heard of Beach, who is penciled in



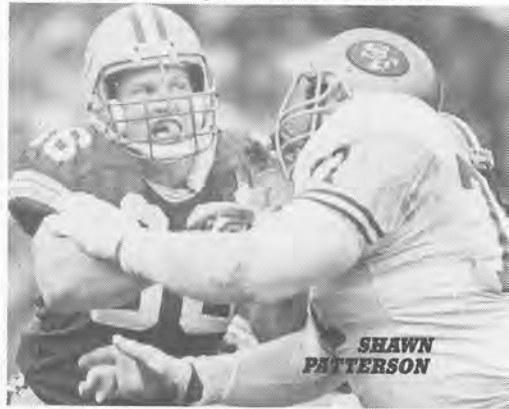
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as a starter ahead of veteran Perry Kemp. San Diego's Kitrick Taylor also joined via Plan B and the Packers drafted three wideouts to challenge Charles Wilson for depth, starting with third-rounder Robert Brooks. Ed West and Jackie Harris both figure to get time in an offense that utilizes the tight end.

Revamping the offensive line began with the acquisition of right tackle Tootie Robbins from Phoenix, which means the famous and expensive Tony Mandarich probably will end up at right guard. The Packers are counting

on the return of Ken Ruettggers at left tackle and the continued development of left guard Rich Moran and center James Campen. Plan B pickups Frank Winters of Kansas City and Dave Viaene of New England also figure. Returning from injured reserve are Joe Garten and Rapier Porter. Reggie Singletary and Louis Cheek provide veteran reserve help.

Who will run the football is an ongoing dilemma for which there is no obvious answer. Volunteers are welcome. Darrell Thompson was the first candidate to play halfback in Holmgren's two-back attack. But when the Packers came up with no veteran fullbacks, Thompson was changed to fullback. Halfback



**SHAWN PATTERSON**

Keith Woodside was traded, leaving the spot open to former Raider Marcus Wilson, Vince Workman, or fourth-rounder Edgar Bennett. Fifth-rounder Dexter McNabb is a fullback-type. Walter Dean and Allen Rice are hold-



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overs. Workman is a valuable third-down back who led the club in touchdowns, but he does not appear suited to full-time duty.

The defense of the fired Hank Bullough was better than the sum of its parts, finishing 10th with glue, mirrors, and unpredictability. Buckley will solidify a secondary that includes last



**ESERA TUAOLO**

year's No. 1 pick, Vinnie Clark, and the 1990 No. 2 pick, LeRoy Butler. Buckley will allow Butler to move to strong safety, where he will challenge Mark Murphy and Plan B addition Adrian White of the Giants. Free safety Chuck Cecil and Plan B pickups Charles Washington of the Colts and Lewis Billups of the Bengals, along with holdovers Jerry Holmes, Roland Mitchell, and Joe Fuller, give Rhodes all kinds of combinations.

The front seven needs similar retooling. Left end Matt Brock, nose tackle Esera Tuaolo,

#### PACKERS 1991 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Jacke, 85 points on 31 extra points and 18 field goals... T11th  
RUSHING—Thompson, 471 yards on 141 carries, 3.3 avg., 1 TD... 15th  
PASSING—Tomczak, 128 of 238 attempts for 1,490 yards and 11 TDs... 12th  
RECEIVING—Sharpe, 69 receptions for 961 yards, 13.9 avg., 4TD... 7th  
INTERCEPTIONS—Cecil, 3 for 76 yards, 25.3 average... T4th  
—Murphy, 3 for 27 yards, 9.0 average... T4th  
—Butler, 3 for 6 yards, 2.0 average... T4th  
PUNTING—McJulien, 86 punts, 40.4 avg., longest 62 yards... 10th  
PUNT RETURNS—Sikahema, 26 for 239 yards, 9.2 average... 6th  
KICKOFF RETURNS—Wilson, 23 for 522 yards, 22.7 avg., 1 TD... 3rd  
SACKS—Bennett, 13.0 sacks... T3rd

#### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 8 KANSAS CITY (N)  
16 NEW YORK JETS at Madison, WI (N)  
22 At Los Angeles Rams (N)  
29 NEW ENGLAND at Milwaukee, WI (N)

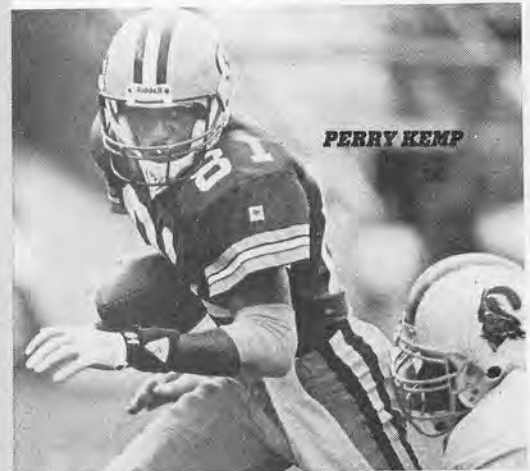
#### 1992 SCHEDULE

		1991 SCORES
September	6 Minnesota.....	21-35
	13 At Tampa Bay.....	27-0
	20 CINCINNATI.....	—
	27 PITTSBURGH.....	—
October	4 At Atlanta.....	31-35
	11 OPEN DATE.....	—
	18 At Cleveland.....	—
	25 CHICAGO.....	0-10
November	1 At Detroit.....	14-23
	8 At New York Giants.....	—
	15 PHILADELPHIA at Milwaukee.....	3-20
	22 At Chicago.....	13-27
	29 TAMPA BAY at Milwaukee.....	15-13
December	6 DETROIT at Milwaukee.....	17-21
	13 At Houston (N).....	—
	20 LOS ANGELES RAMS.....	21-23
	27 At Minnesota.....	27-7

and right end Robert Brown had 10 sacks, not bad for a three-man front. Shawn Patterson is coming off a knee injury. Big Frank Conover is a Plan B addition from Cleveland. Don Davey, John Jurkovic, and Lester Archambeau need to step up.

Tony Bennett led the club with 13 sacks from the weak-side linebacker spot and Bryce Paup emerged with 7½ before getting hurt. Second-round pick Mark D'Onofrio will challenge Johnny Holland inside next to Brian Noble, with Scott Stephen at left outside. Burnell Dent and Pittsburgh Plan B addition Jeff Brady are backups.

Chris Jacke and Paul McJulien are the kickers and Buckley and Brooks promise rookie excitement in the return department.



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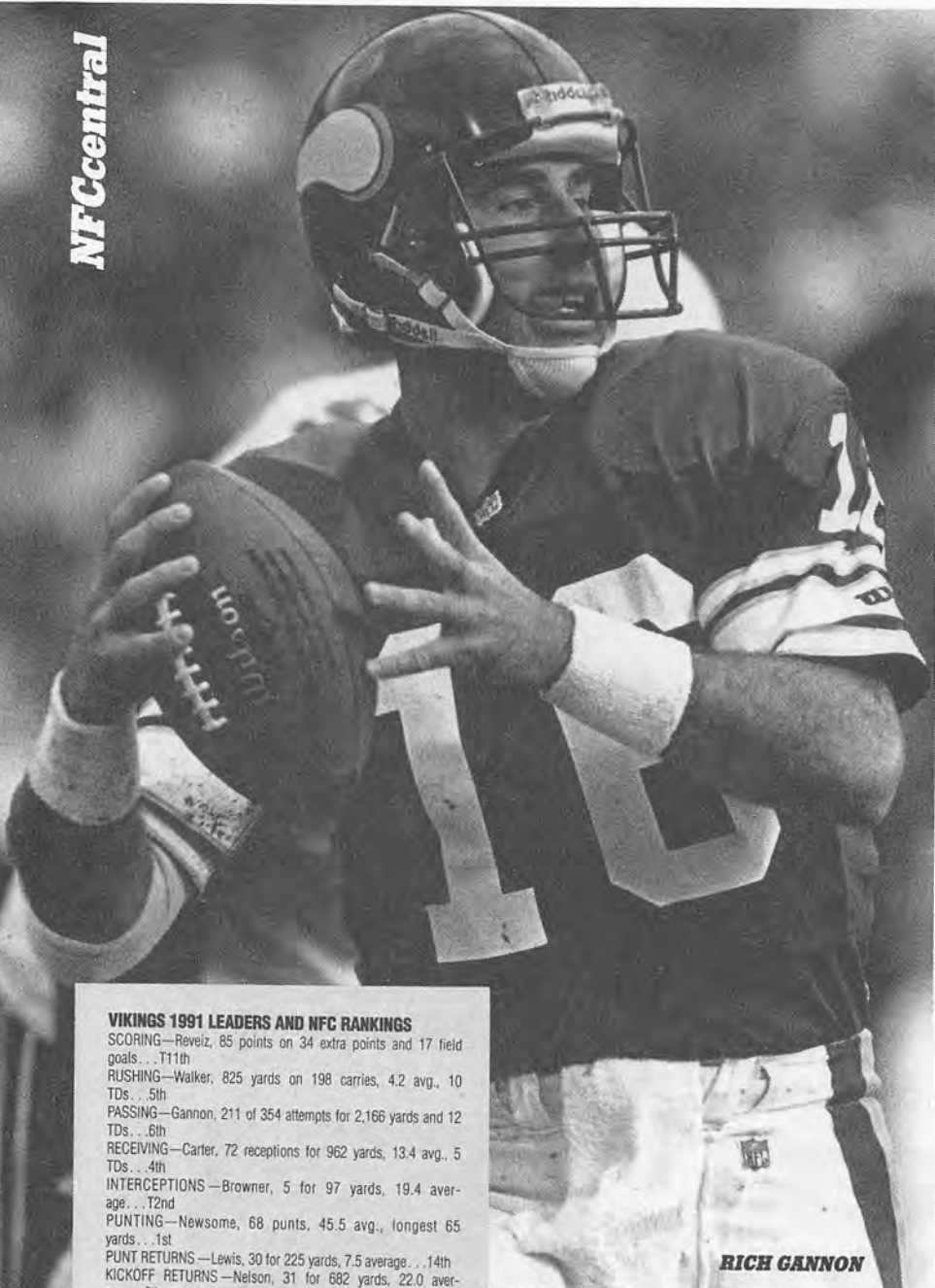
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**VIKINGS 1991 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS**

**SCORING**—Reveiz, 85 points on 34 extra points and 17 field goals... T11th  
**RUSHING**—Walker, 825 yards on 198 carries, 4.2 avg., 10 TDs... 5th  
**PASSING**—Gannon, 211 of 354 attempts for 2,166 yards and 12 TDs... 6th  
**RECEIVING**—Carter, 72 receptions for 962 yards, 13.4 avg., 5 TDs... 4th  
**INTERCEPTIONS**—Browner, 5 for 97 yards, 19.4 average... T2nd  
**PUNTING**—Newsome, 68 punts, 45.5 avg., longest 65 yards... 1st  
**PUNT RETURNS**—Lewis, 30 for 225 yards, 7.5 average... 14th  
**KICKOFF RETURNS**—Nelson, 31 for 682 yards, 22.0 average... 6th  
**SACKS**—Randle, 9.5 sacks... 7th

**PRESEASON SCHEDULE**

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	15 HOUSTON	—
	22 CLEVELAND	—
	29 At Los Angeles Rams	20-14
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	13 SAN FRANCISCO	17-14
	20 At Pittsburgh	—
	27 GREEN BAY	7-27

**MINNESOTA VIKINGS**

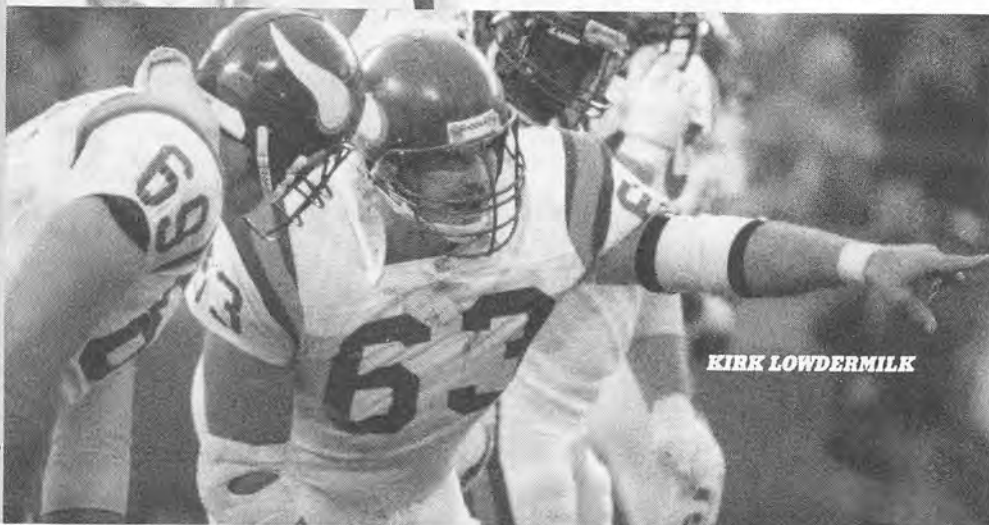
Still reeling from what is now widely accepted as the worst trade in NFL history, the Vikings are rebuilding. It won't be around Herschel Walker. Instead, new coach Dennis Green is prepared to plug Roger Craig into Walker's slot even though Craig is 32 years old, two years older than Walker. Such is the desperation of a good team gone bad.

Green is a tough guy with a mandate to shake up a team that now belongs to Roger Headrick, who replaced top man Mike Lynn, the GM who made the trade he will never live down. Green accepted the challenge of rejuvenating a group of athletes who are sitting on fat wallets and resting on laurels they never achieved. Some of them, most notably safety Joey Browner, was sitting on his own fat as well as his thick wallet. Once the best safety in the league, Browner slipped last season with the suddenness of a lumberjack falling off a log. Overweight and undermotivated, Browner perplexed one of his greatest admirers and supporters in departed coach Jerry Burns. Browner was the only unexcused absence at Green's first minicamp, getting off to a shaky start in the new regime.

Once, Browner was the glue in a defense that had few weaknesses. Now, Green's first priority is not with Walker and the offense but with defense. To recoup partially the avalanche of draft choices lost in the Walker deal, the Vikings traded injured defensive tackle Keith Millard to Seattle for a No. 2 choice. To underscore their desperation, they selected Southern University's Robert Harris, a medical risk himself because of a neck injury that caused some teams to reject him.

With Walker out of Green's plans, the brunt of the running load will be handled by Terry Allen, who gained 563 yards last season when the Vikings, believe it or not, led the NFC in rushing. Walker had 825 yards and scored 10 touchdowns, not bad for an athlete who has fallen out of favor. Allen is quicker and demonstrated in his first season that he is recovered from a knee injury that shelved him as a ninth-round rookie in 1990.

Green's selection of Jack Burns of the Redskins as offensive coordinator indicates a move toward more one-back, multiple-receiver sets with an H-back or extra tight end in the mix. With Allen, Craig, third-down specialist Darrin Nelson, and holdovers Alfred Anderson



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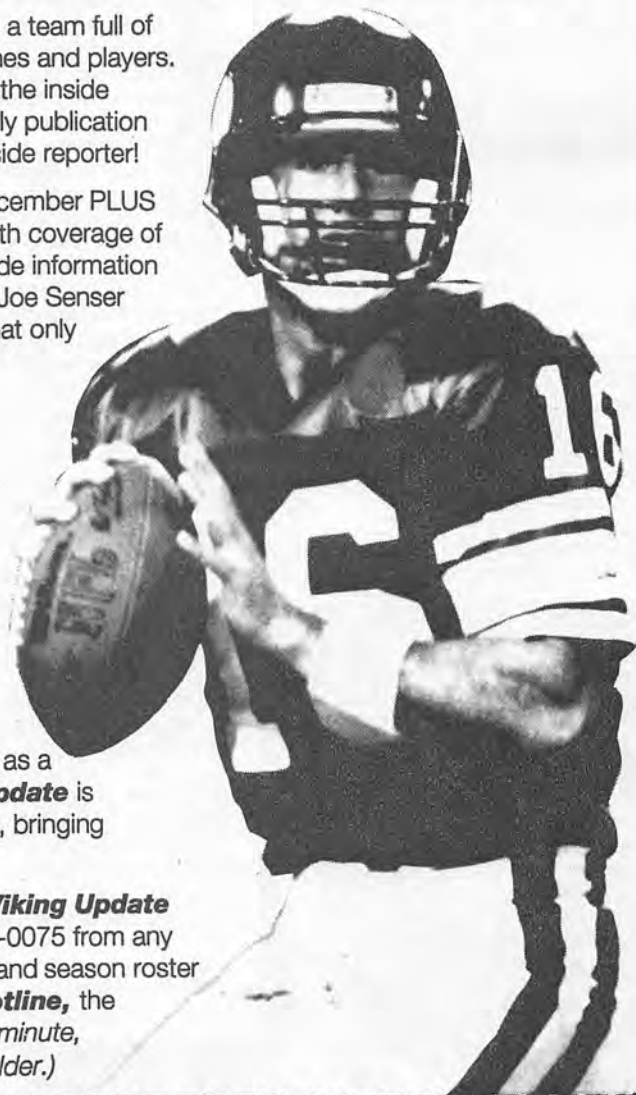
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and Rick Fenney around, the stable is not bare. Sixth-rounder Mike Gaddis of Oklahoma also will get a look.

At quarterback, the Vikings have one of the league's better runners in Rich Gannon, who has the inside track on Wade Wilson and Sean Salisbury, although the Vikings never seem ready to settle on one man, do or die. Gannon's 81.5 passer rating placed him 11th in the league, ahead of playoff quarterbacks Chris Miller, Jim Harbaugh, and Erik Kramer, so he does more than run. How quickly he adapts to the new offense will be a key to his security in the job.

In Cris Carter, Anthony Carter, and Hassan Jones, the Vikings are well-stocked at wide receiver. But none of them are burners and Jake Reed will have to step up after spending a fruitless rookie season that ended on IR. While both Anthony Carter and Jones are coming off less-than-average seasons for them, Cris Carter emerged as the team leader in all receiving categories, proving that the Eagles were premature in releasing him.

Steve Jordan may be the best tight end in football. With the addition of Plan B free agent Mike Tice from Seattle, eighth-rounder Luke Fisher, and the continued development of Brent Novoselsky and Mike Jones, the Vikings have material for any offense featuring H-backs or tight ends.

The offensive line is a strength, but thin. Left tackle Gary Zimmerman is a former Pro

Bowler and left guard Randall McDaniel is the reigning Pro Bowl guard. Center Kirk Lowdermilk and right tackle Tim Irwin are unsung and underrated starters. Brian Habib could push right guard Todd Kalis again for the starting job. There is not much depth after Habib, Adam Schreiber, and Mike Morris.

On defense, there were six starters past the golden age of 30. Of the seven Plan B signees, five play defense. While the defenses of former coordinator Floyd Peters were criticized for ignoring the run, they at least put pressure on the passer. Last year, their sack total dropped from 47 to 33 and they still couldn't stop the run. The Vikings also gave up 124 points in the fourth quarter, indicating that age is catching them.

The truck already has been backed up with the departure of Millard and linebacker Jimmy Williams and the acquisition of middle linebacker Jack Del Rio on Plan B from the Cowboys. Del Rio started in Dallas and will not only start in Minnesota, he will allow Green to shift middle linebacker Ray Berry to the weak-side spot and move Mike Merriweather to the strong side, where Williams toiled.

Up front, end John Randle will be shifted to right tackle to replace Millard. A relentless pass rusher who led the club with 9½ sacks, Randle has the build to shift inside where he is closer to the action. If Randle can do it, Henry Thomas can move back to left tackle, which was basically the nose spot in a front that new defensive coordinator Tony Dungy is likely to favor. The Vikings must get more than seven sacks out of right end Chris Doleman, who missed Millard. It would also help if somebody emerged at left end. The candidates are rookie Harris, holdover Al Noga, fourth-round pick Roy Barker, and Plan B pickups Lorenzo Freeman from the Giants and Skip McClendon from San Diego. Ken Clarke, Thomas Strauthers, and Mike Teeter are backups in the line with fifth-rounder Ed McDaniel, Mark Dusbabek, Ivan Caesar, Carlos Jenkins, and Greg Manusky backups at linebacker.

If last year's seventh-round draft choice, Tripp Welborne, has recovered from major knee surgery well enough to compete at safety, Green's secondary problems will wane in a hurry. Plan B acquisition Vencie Glenn from

New Orleans is penciled in at free safety, where Felix Wright played last year. Solomon Wilcotts backed up Browner and backup cornerback Todd Scott is being moved to strong safety. Green hopes Audray McMillian or Plan B addition Anthony Parker from Kansas City can challenge Reggie Rutland at right corner opposite Carl Lee.

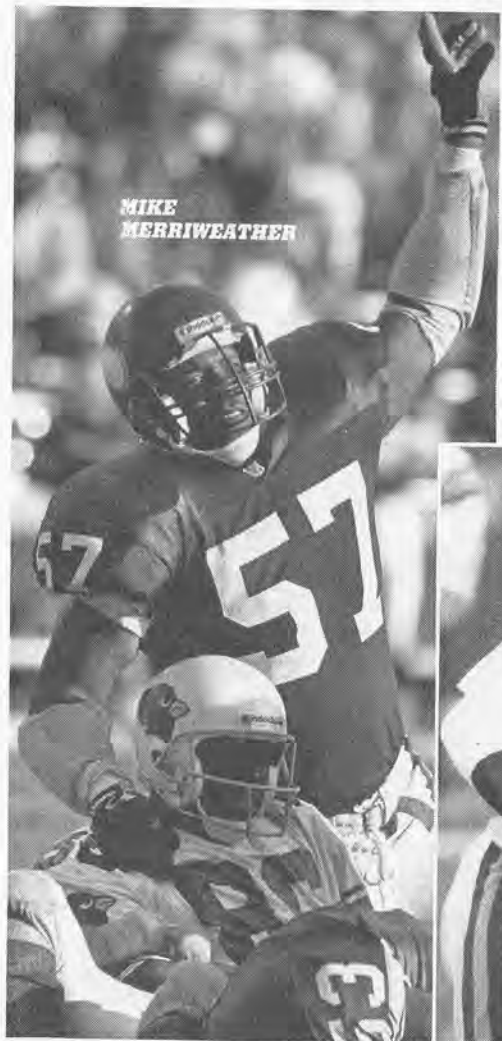
Punter Harry Newsome led the NFC last year and place-kicker Fuad Reveiz proved adequate. With Leo Lewis no longer returning punts, that job is open. Darrin Nelson can return kickoffs.

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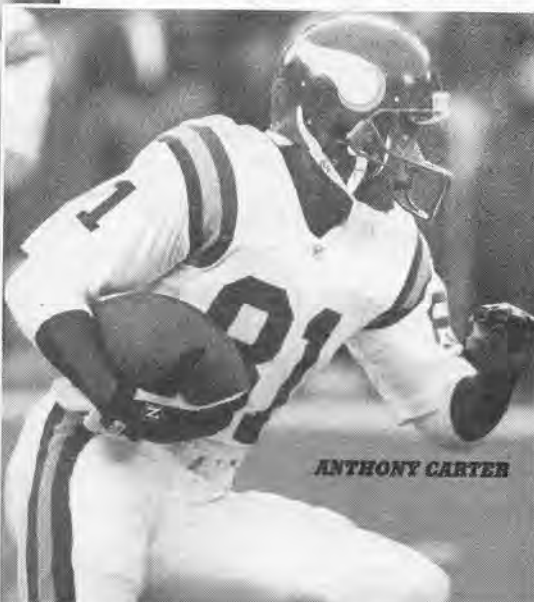
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46	Anderson, Alfred	RB	6-1	219	31	Baylor
52	Bavaro, David	LB	6-0	235	25	Syracuse
50	Berry, Ray	LB	6-2	227	29	Baylor
47	Browner, Joey	S	6-2	231	32	Southern Cal
53	Caesar, Ivan	LB	6-1	226	25	Boston College
81	Carter, Anthony	WR	5-11	176	32	Michigan
80	Carter, Cris	WR	6-3	198	27	Ohio State
71	Clarke, Ken	DT	6-2	279	36	Syracuse
33	Craig, Roger	RB	6-0	225	32	Nebraska
55	Del Rio, Jack	LB	6-4	240	29	Southern Cal
56	Doleman, Chris	DE	6-5	266	31	Pittsburgh
59	Dusbabek, Mark	LB	6-3	224	28	Minnesota
31	Fenney, Rick	RB	6-1	233	28	Washington
78	Freeman, Lorenzo	DE	6-5	319	28	Pittsburgh
16	Gannon, Rich	QB	6-3	203	27	Delaware
66	Griffith, Brent	OT	6-6	275	23	MN-Duluth
25	Glenn, Vencie	S	6-0	190	28	Indiana State
74	Habib, Brian	T	6-7	292	28	Washington
13	Hughes, Darren	WR	6-1	175	25	Carson-Newman
76	Irwin, Tim	T	6-7	301	34	Tennessee
51	Jenkins, Carlos	LB	6-3	219	24	Michigan St.
84	Jones, Hassan	WR	6-0	196	28	Florida State
82	Jones, Mike	TE	6-3	256	26	Texas A&M
83	Jordan, Steve	TE	6-3	238	31	Brown
69	Kalis, Todd	G	6-5	285	27	Arizona State
39	Lee, Carl	CB	5-11	182	31	Marshall
63	Lowdermilk, Kirk	C	6-3	270	29	Ohio State
91	Manusky, Greg	LB	6-1	236	26	Colgate
23	Mayes, Mike	CB	5-10	179	26	LSU
96	McClendon, Skip	DE	6-7	287	28	Arizona State
64	McDaniel, Randall	G	6-3	271	28	Arizona State
26	McMillian, Audray	CB	6-0	190	30	Houston
57	Merriweather, Mike	LB	6-2	226	32	Pacific
68	Morris, Mike	C	6-5	268	31	N.E. Missouri St.
20	Nelson, Darrin	RB	5-9	180	33	Stanford
18	Newsome, Harry	P	6-0	189	29	Wake Forest
99	Noga, Al	DE	6-1	264	27	Hawaii
85	Novoselsky, Brent	TE	6-2	236	26	Pennsylvania
89	Obee, Terry	WR	5-10	190	4	Oregon
42	Parker, Anthony	CB	5-10	180	26	Arizona State
93	Randle, John	DT	6-1	264	25	Texas A&I
90	Reagan, Scott	DT	6-4	274	25	Humboldt State
86	Reed, Jake	WR	6-3	214	25	Grambling
7	Reveiz, Fuad	K	5-11	225	29	Tennessee
48	Rutland, Reggie	CB	6-1	191	28	Georgia Tech
12	Salisbury, Sean	QB	6-5	213	29	Southern Cal
60	Schreiber, Adam	OL	6-4	280	30	Texas
38	Scott, Todd	CB	5-10	190	24	SW Louisiana
17	Smith, Kendal	WR	5-10	189	27	Utah State
94	Strauthers, Thomas	DE	6-4	263	31	Jackson State
67	Teeter, Mike	DT	6-2	269	25	Michigan
97	Thomas, Henry	DT	6-2	269	27	LSU
87	Tice, Mike	TE	6-7	247	33	Maryland
32	Welborne, Tripp	R	6-0	205	24	Michigan
61	Wenzel, Eric	OT	6-5	275	23	Northwestern
41	Wilcotts, Solomon	S	5-11	200	24	Colorado
11	Wilson, Wade	QB	6-3	205	33	East Texas St.
22	Wright, Felix	S	6-2	197	33	Drake
65	Zimmerman, Gary	T	6-6	286	31	Oregon

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10	Culpepper, Brad	DT	6-1	267	Florida
11	Evans, Chuck	RB	6-1	217	Clark-Atlanta
12	Randolph, Joe	WR	5-7	155	Elon



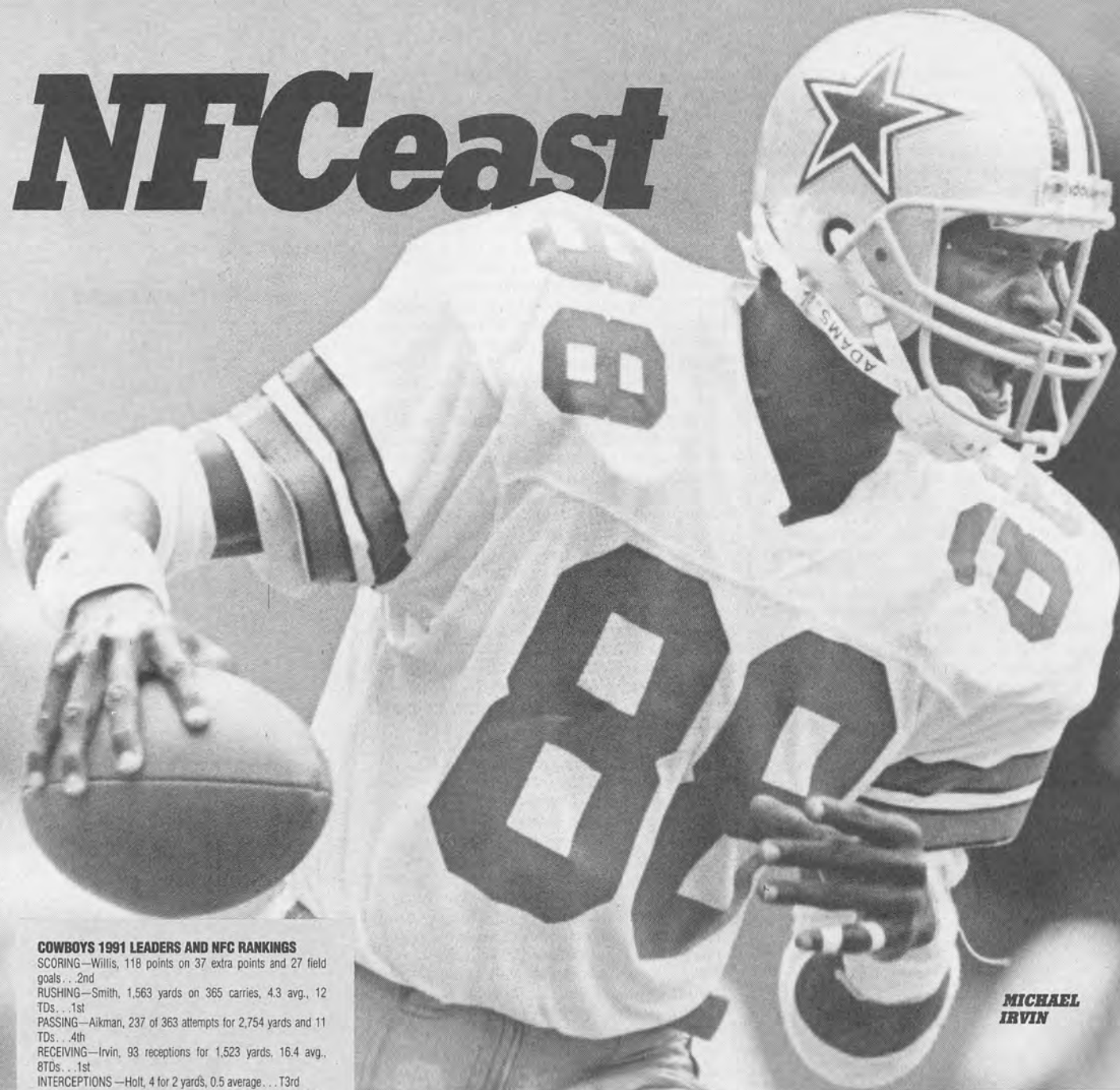
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## COWBOYS 1991 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

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**PASSING**—Aikman, 237 of 363 attempts for 2,754 yards and 11 TDs... 4th  
**RECEIVING**—Irvin, 93 receptions for 1,523 yards, 16.4 avg., 8 TDs... 1st  
**INTERCEPTIONS**—Holt, 4 for 2 yards, 0.5 average... T3rd  
**PUNTING**—Saxon, 57 punts, 42.6 avg., longest 64 yards... 6th  
**PUNT RETURNS**—Martin, 21 for 244 yards, 11.6 avg., 1 TD... 3rd  
**KICKOFF RETURNS**—Wright, 21 for 514 yards, 24.5 avg., 1 TD... 2nd  
**SACKS**—Tolbert, 7.0 sacks... T11th

## PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	1	Houston at Tokyo, Japan (N)
	7	At Miami (N)
	15	HOUSTON (N)
	22	DENVER (N)
	28	CHICAGO (N)

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## DALLAS COWBOYS

After falling one game short of the NFC championship contest, the Dallas Cowboys continued their rapid resurgence by adding 15 draft choices. Eight of them arrived courtesy of the Herschel Walker trade and its spinoffs. Alas, the contributions of Walker to Dallas are finally exhausted.

Addressing their concerns in the secondary, the Cowboys drafted seven defensive backs. They figured such saturation bombing is bound to provide better results than the bombs that flew over their heads last season when the run-and-shoot offense of the Lions embarrassed the Cowboys in the playoffs. They finished 23rd in pass defense.

But this is nit-picking. The Cowboys are a remarkable story, bouncing from 1-15 to 7-9 to 11-5 in three quick seasons under coach Jimmy Johnson and owner Jerry Jones. An ordinary 9-7 mark in '92 could be excused, even expected. After all, this isn't Dynasty yet.

Johnson will have none of the slow-down talk. He's ready for the NFC title game.

The Cowboys got close last year without franchise quarterback Troy Aikman. That they beat the Bears in Chicago with Steve Beuerlein was a great tribute to their maturity and talent. Never before had one NFL team boasted the top runner and top receiver (in yards) in one season until Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin pulled it off in 1991.

In the NFC Central, the Cowboys would be runaway favorites. They would have won the West last year. In the East, they are just another good team. How good? The little things tell: They were the least penalized team in the NFC. They coughed up the ball only 24 times, behind only Kansas City (22), Washington and the Giants (both 23). They beat good teams on the road (Washington, Philadelphia and Chicago). They allowed just one sack in games against Philadelphia, New Orleans, and Chicago.



The return of Aikman from a knee injury for his fourth season gives the Cowboys reason for great optimism. That Aikman has missed the end of the last two seasons gives them reason for caution. Aikman could have played in the playoffs, but Beuerlein was so effective that Johnson wisely left him in, providing valuable lessons for all his young players that no one man is indispensable and that every man must carry his weight. It was a decision that could pay huge dividends. Although Beuerlein was effective in leading the Cowboys to four straight victories to end the season, there is no quarterback controversy in Dallas. Aikman led the NFC in passer rating before his injury and finished atop the NFC in completion percentage at 65.3.

Irvin and rookie Alvin Harper both averaged more than 16 yards per catch in the Dallas offense designed by Norv Turner. Irvin's 93 catches were second only to Houston's Haywood Jeffries (100). Irvin's 1,523 yards were nearly 200 more than runner-up Gary Clark of the Redskins (1,340).

Tight end Jay Novacek joined Irvin, Smith, and Aikman at the Pro Bowl on the strength of 59 catches. That helped take the pressure off Irvin. Harper had 20 catches and the receiving corps should get immediate help from second-round draft pick Jimmy Smith of Jackson State. Smith will push speedy Alexander Wright and punt returner Kelvin Martin for the third receiver spot. The Cowboys also added Gerald Alphin from the Canadian Football League. At tight end, big blocker Alfredo Roberts is a nice complement to Novacek.

Smith is a franchise back, sneaking past both Barry Sanders of Detroit and Thurman Thomas of Buffalo to win the rushing title with

mances of Smith, Irvin, and Aikman. Center Mark Stepanoski and 332-pound right tackle Nate Newton are knocking on the Pro Bowl door while guards Kevin Gogan and John Gesek and left tackle Mark Tuinei were more than adequate. Second-year tackle Erik Williams will push Tuinei for a starting job this year and third-round draft pick James Brown of Virginia State may surprise at guard. The Cowboys drafted three other guards to battle veteran Alan Veingrad and Plan B pickup Frank Cornish from San Diego for backup help.

The Cowboys will look for talent anywhere they can get it. The last job for Chad Hennings was flying A-10 fighter missions to help the Kurds in the Iraq war. An 11th-round draft choice of the Cowboys in 1988, Hennings won the Outland Trophy at Air Force and is ready to become the Roger Staubach of the '90s. The Cowboys got lucky with Navy's Staubach, and the 6-6, 270-pound Hennings will get a chance to rush the passer.

A more productive pass rush would improve the secondary. Last year's No. 1 draft choice, Russell Maryland, came on with 4½ sacks in six starts. Tony Casillas was rejuvenated after arriving from Atlanta. Ends Tony Tolbert and Jim Jeffcoat will be pushed by Jimmie Jones, Tony Hill, and Kevin Harris. A fourth-round draft choice last season, Harris sat out with a knee injury. He will also push Dale Hellestrae as the team's long-snapper. Second-year man Leon Lett and holdover Danny Noonan also are in a picture too crowded for the Cowboys to add draft choices.

The linebacker lineup will change dramatically with the departure of Jack Del Rio and the arrival of first-round draft choice Robert Jones. If Jones can handle the middle as expected, strong-side starter Ken Norton Jr. could shift to the weak side and trade spots with Vinson Smith. Second-year men Dixon Edwards and Reggie Cooper also figure and Bernard Clark, a Plan B pickup from Cincinnati, will provide insurance for Jones. Mickey Pruitt and Godfrey Myles also are outside backers and special-teams contributors.

Left cornerback Issiac Holt might be the only holdover in the secondary. No. 1 pick Kevin Smith will challenge Larry Brown at right corner with trade acquisition Garry Lewis of the Raiders and Plan B addition Brian Mitchell of Atlanta backing up. Third-round pick Clayton Holmes will also push. At safety, Ray Horton and James Washington will have to fight to survive the influx of second-round pick Darren

Woodson, later picks Greg Briggs, Nate Kirtman, Chris Hall, and Don Harris, the return from injury of Vince Albritton and Michael Brooks, and the shifting of cornerbacks Kenneth Gant and Robert Williams to safety.

The Cowboys hope Plan B addition Brad Daluiso from the Buffalo Bills can replace place-kicker Ken Willis, lost to Tampa Bay. Mike Saxon is the punter. Wright and Martin are the return specialists.

# COWBOYS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
34	Agee, Tommie	FB	6-0	225	28	Auburn
8	Aikman, Troy	QB	6-4	222	26	UCLA
35	Albritton, Vince	S	6-2	216	30	Washington
86	Alphin, Gerald	WR	6-3	220	28	Kansas State
40	Bates, Bill	S	6-1	205	31	Tennessee
7	Beuerlein, Steve	QB	6-2	209	27	Notre Dame
46	Blake, Ricky	RB	6-2	244	25	Alabama A&M
43	Boles, Tony	RB	6-1	196	25	Michigan
32	Brooks, Michael	S	6-0	189	25	N.C. State
24	Brown, Larry	CB	5-11	182	23	TCU
75	Casillas, Tony	DT	6-3	277	29	Oklahoma
59	Clark, Bernard	LB	6-2	248	25	Miami
93	Cooper, Reggie	LB	6-2	215	24	Nebraska
65	Cornish, Frank	OL	6-4	295	25	UCLA
50	Crum, Maurice	LB	6-0	220	23	Miami
5	Daluiso, Brad	K	6-2	207	25	UCLA
58	Edwards, Dixon	LB	6-1	224	24	Michigan State
29	Gant, Kenneth	CB	5-11	188	25	Albany St.
17	Garrett, Jason	QB	6-2	195	26	Princeton
63	Gesek, John	G	6-5	279	29	Sacramento St.
47	Graham, Lorenzo	RB	5-11	200	27	Livingston
66	Gogan, Kevin	G	6-7	317	28	Washington
80	Harper, Alvin	WR	6-3	203	25	Tennessee
94	Harris, Kevin	DE	6-5	251	23	Texas Southern
70	Hellestrae, Dale	OL	6-5	285	30	SMU
	Hennings, Chad	DL	6-6	270	25	Air Force
90	Hill, Tony	DE	6-6	242	24	UT-Chattanooga
30	Holt, Issiac	CB	6-2	201	30	Alcorn State
20	Horton, Ray	S	5-11	190	32	Washington
88	Irvin, Michael	WR	6-2	199	26	Miami
77	Jeffcoat, Jim	DE	6-5	274	31	Arizona State
48	Johnston, Daryl	FB	6-2	236	26	Syracuse
97	Jones, Jimmie	DL	6-4	276	26	Miami
9	Kupp, Craig	QB	6-4	215	25	Pacific Lutheran
78	Lett, Leon	DL	6-6	287	24	Emporia State
21	Lewis, Garry	CB	5-11	185	25	Alcorn State
83	Martin, Kelvin	WR	5-9	162	27	Boston College
67	Maryland, Russell	DT	6-1	277	23	Miami
25	Mitchell, Brian	CB	5-9	164	24	BYU
98	Myles, Godfrey	LB	6-1	241	24	Florida
61	Newton, Nate	T	6-3	332	31	Florida A&M
73	Noonan, Danny	DT	6-4	275	27	Nebraska
51	Norton, Ken	LB	6-2	238	26	UCLA
84	Novacek, Jay	TE	6-4	231	30	Wyoming
52	Pruitt, Mickey	LB	6-1	218	27	Colorado
27	Richards, Curvin	RB	5-9	195	24	Pittsburgh
87	Roberts, Alfredo	TE	6-3	252	27	Miami
4	Saxon, Mike	P	6-3	202	30	San Diego St.
82	Shepard, Derrick	WR	5-10	183	28	Oklahoma
22	Smith, Emmitt	RB	5-9	203	23	Florida
57	Smith, Vinson	LB	6-2	231	27	East Carolina
53	Stepanoski, Mark	C	6-2	269	25	Pittsburgh
92	Tolbert, Tony	DE	6-6	265	25	UTEP
71	Tuinei, Mark	T	6-5	299	32	Hawaii
76	Veingrad, Alan	OL	6-5	280	29	East Texas St.
37	Washington, James	S	6-1	197	27	UCLA
28	Weatherspoon, Chuck	RB	5-7	229	24	Houston
79	Williams, Erik	T	6-6	319	24	Central St. (OH)
23	Williams, Robert	CB	5-10	190	30	Baylor
	Woodside, Keith	RB	6-0	217	28	Texas A&M
81	Wright, Alexander	WR	6-0	190	25	Auburn

# DRAFTTEES

rd.	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Smith, Kevin	CB	5-11	173	Texas A&M
1	Jones, Robert	LB	6-2	236	East Carolina
2	Smith, Jimmy	WR	6-1	200	Jackson State
2	Woodson, Darren	S	6-1	216	Arizona St.
3	Holmes, Clayton	CB	5-10	178	Carson-Newman
3	Brown, James	OL	6-6	331	Virginia St.
4	Mysinski, Tom	G	6-2	291	Tennessee
5	Briggs, Greg	S	6-3	209	Texas Southern
5	Milstead, Roderick	G	6-2	293	Delaware St.
6	Wacasey, Fallon	TE	6-7	241	Tulsa
9	Kirtman, Nate	S	6-1	186	Pomona-Pitzer
9	Hall, Chris	S	6-2	184	East Carolina
10	Terry, John	OL	6-4	292	Livingstone
11	Daniel, Tim	WR	5-11	184	Florida A&M
12	Harris, Don	S	6-0	185	Texas Tech



1,563 yards, 40 yards more than Irvin's total in a perfectly balanced attack. Smith also caught 49 passes for an additional 258 yards. Smith's 365 rushes led the league. He carried on 84 percent of Dallas running plays. Fullback Daryl Johnston carried only 17 times. If Smith gets help, it will come from World League refugee Ricky Blake, who broke a hip last November after leaving a big impression with his 244 pounds. He gained 80 yards in only 15 carries before his injury. Tommie Agee is the backup fullback and Curvin Richards returns from a shoulder injury that knocked him out last season.

The offensive line performed better than expected and deserves credit for the perfor-

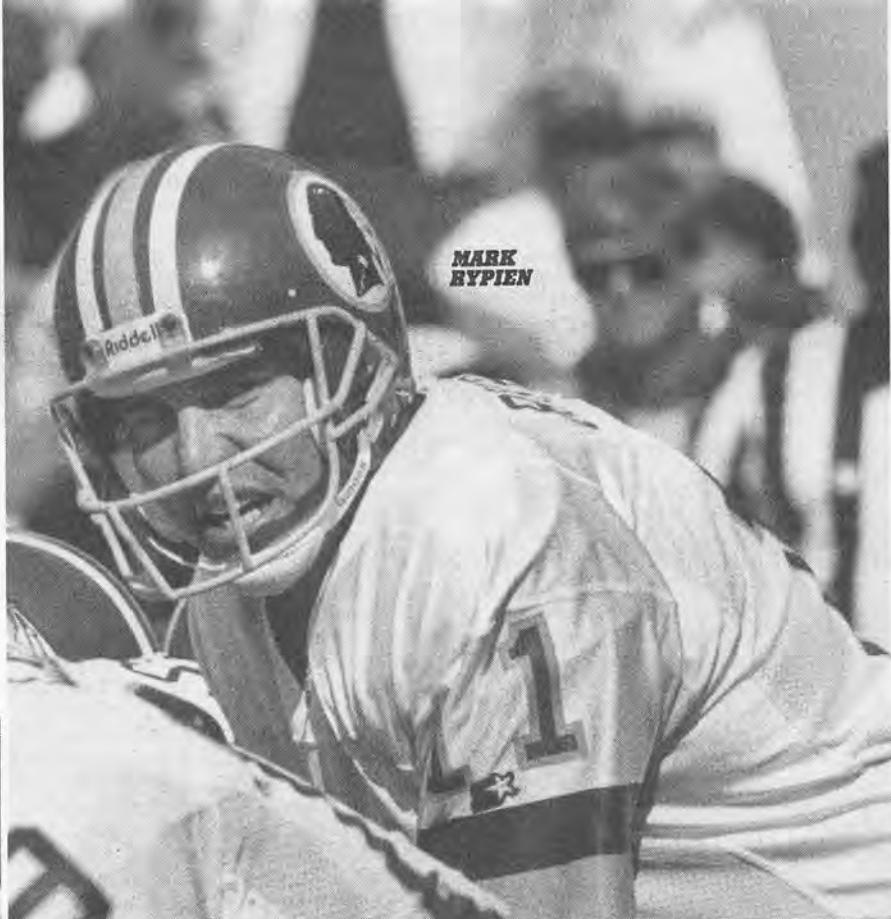




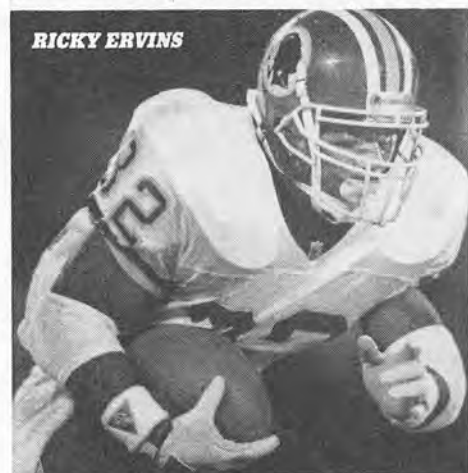
## WASHINGTON REDSKINS

An encore for one of the great seasons in NFL history will not be easy. The Redskins were a dominating Super Bowl team, not just an ordinary NFC powerhouse. They crushed teams on the way to becoming only the ninth championship club to outscore opponents by 200 points. That statistic indicated a superiority on offense and defense that will be difficult to duplicate even under the best of circumstances. Coach Joe Gibbs still has a strong team in all phases, but a season like 1991 is a combination of skill and good luck. A little bad luck by opponents helps, too.

Quarterback Mark Rypien enjoyed a career year and now has nothing to prove to anyone but himself. He has vowed to try to put together "another three, four, five years of consistency. If I could do that down the road, maybe [I could] become a quarterback like Terry Bradshaw or Joe Montana, guys who have been able to do it on a consistent basis." Gibbs's system offered Rypien maximum protection and minimum risk in an age when too many quarterbacks are hung out to dry. Not mobile



**MARK RYPIEN**



**RICKY ERVINS**

or quick, Rypien had the luxury to stand back and find receivers Art Monk, Gary Clark, and Ricky Sanders without fear for his life.

To further take pressure off Rypien, the Redskins pulled the coup of the draft by landing Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard of Michigan, the most exciting offensive prospect to join the NFL since Barry Sanders. Rarely does a Heisman Trophy winner get to play for such a good pro team. Tony Dorsett and Roger Staubach both played for the Dallas Cowboys when they went to Super Bowls, but only after the Cowboys, like the Redskins, outmaneuvered other teams to land them.

In Howard, the Redskins have the one player in the draft capable of making an instant contribution to a world championship team that is hardly in need of a boost. While other rookies have to wait their turn and learn, Howard, if nothing else, can return kicks and provide an immediate impact. Gibbs usually is cautious with rookies, but last year's experience with Ricky Ervins may encourage the coach to force-feed Howard into the offense sooner. It is an offense that already led the league in scoring at 30 points per game, the most since the 1985 Dolphins. They needed Howard like a crown needs another jewel.

"Usually, if you give us enough time, we'll find a hole in anyone," Gibbs said. "We found none in Howard."

### REDSKINS 1991 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

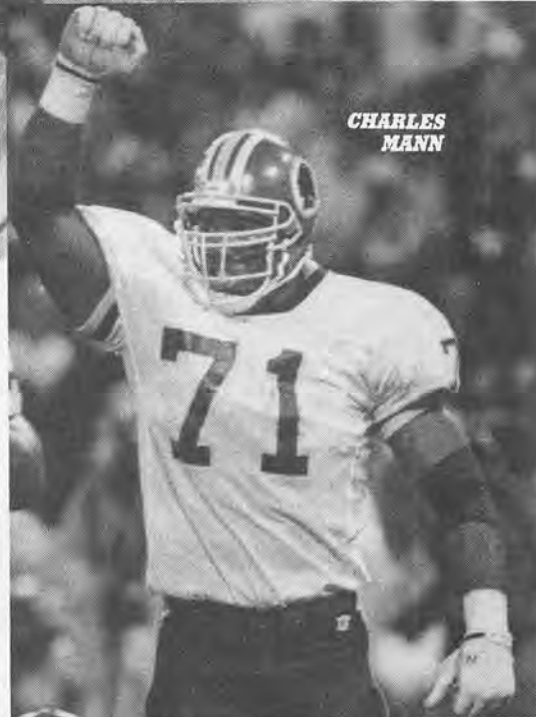
SCORING—Lohmiller, 149 points on 56 extra points and 31 field goals...1st  
RUSHING—Byner, 1,048 yards on 274 carries, 3.8 avg., 5 TDs...4th  
PASSING—Rypien, 249 of 421 attempts for 3,564 yards and 28 TDs...2nd  
RECEIVING—Monk, 71 receptions for 1,049 yards, 14.8 average, 8 TDs...5th  
INTERCEPTIONS—Marshall, 5 for 75 yards, 15.0 avg., 1 TD...T2nd  
—Green, 5 for 47 yards, 9.4 average...T2nd  
PUNTING—Goodburn, 52 punts, 39.8 avg., longest 61 yards...12th  
PUNT RETURNS—Mitchell, 45 for 600 yards, 13.3 avg., 2 TDs...2nd  
KICKOFF RETURNS—Mitchell, 29 for 583 yards, 20.1 average...8th  
SACKS—Mann, 11.5 sacks...T4th

### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 1 Miami at Orlando, FL (N)  
8 At New York Jets (N)  
16 San Francisco at London, England  
22 At Los Angeles Raiders  
29 MINNESOTA (N)

1992 SCHEDULE		1991 SCORES	
September	7 At Dallas (N)	33-31	
	13 ATLANTA	56-17	
	20 DETROIT	45-0	
	27 OPEN DATE		
October	4 At Phoenix	24-22	
	12 DENVER (N)		
	18 PHILADELPHIA	23-0	
	25 At Minnesota		
November	1 NEW YORK GIANTS (N)	34-17	
	8 At Seattle		
	15 At Kansas City		
	23 At New Orleans (N)		
	29 PHOENIX	34-0	
December	6 At New York Giants	17-13	
	13 DALLAS	21-24	
	20 At Philadelphia	22-24	
	26 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS		

To accommodate Howard, the Redskins will look at some four-wide-receiver formations similar to the variations of the run-and-shoot employed by the Falcons, Oilers, and Lions. But after beating those three teams a total of five times last season, Gibbs is not about to



**CHARLES MANN**

adopt their entire offensive philosophies. The Redskins still base their attack around tight ends or H-backs such as Don Warren, Ron Middleton, and Terry Orr, who provide Rypien that extra measure of protection, give Earnest Byner and Ervins that extra block in the running game, and occasionally sneak out for enough passes to keep defenses honest. The Redskins added Atlanta's end Gary Wilkins off Plan B, since the Falcons don't need tight ends at all. He'll compete with James Jenkins for playing time behind Warren, Middleton,



and Orr. Another backup, John Brandes, is a long snapper and special-teams ace.

Rypien's 28 touchdown passes trailed only Buffalo's Jim Kelly. His passer rating of 97.9 trailed only San Francisco's Steve Young. The confidence he gained for himself and earned from his teammates will pay lifetime dividends. Assuming Rypien's contract is in order, Gibbs goes into a season absolutely set at quarterback for the first time in years. But taking no chances, the Redskins drafted Chris Hakel in the fourth round to learn behind veteran Jeff Rutledge and young Cary Conklin, since one-time starting candidate Stan Humphries fell out of favor.

Monk will pass Steve Largent's all-time reception record of 819 on his 19th catch. Clark is coming off a career-high 19.1-yard average. Sanders had a four-year-low total of 45 receptions. Stephen Hobbs is the fifth man, with a chance to make it on special teams.

Byner gained 1,048 yards and Ervins 680 as a rookie. Gibbs is likely to continue his rotation to give defenses different problems, but Ervins will no doubt get more than nine carries a game. John Settle returns from injury and could push short-yardage specialist Gerald Riggs for time.

The line that allowed only nine sacks remains outstanding and could be as awesome with the return of Ed Simmons from a knee

injury. Simmons opened the season at right tackle with Joe Jacoby at left guard. Jacoby finished at right tackle with Raleigh McKenzie at left guard. A left side of the 315-pound Jacoby and perennial all-pro tackle Jim Lachey is unmatched. Center Jeff Bostic gets better with age and right guard Mark Schlereth earned his first Pro Bowl trip. Mark Adickes and Ray Brown are backups along with third-rounder Paul Siever with Mo Elewonibi a possibility if he shakes his injuries.

Coordinator Richie Petitbon's defense melded from a makeshift Plan B bunch into a stifling unit that finished behind only the Eagles and Saints in yardage allowed and only behind the Saints in points allowed. Few coaches use more parts to better advantage than Petitbon, who was known to substitute all 11 players at once on occasion, giving offenses fits in figuring matchups.

To replace retired end Markus Koch, the Redskins drafted Arizona State's Shane Collins in the second round. Charles Mann is 31, but recorded 11½ sacks, second-best in his career. Second-year man Bobby Wilson is expected to push tackles Eric Williams and Tim Johnson for playing time. Pass-rush specialist Jumpy Geathers was outstanding, although his knees don't allow him extended action. Right end Fred Stokes also improved as a starter and finished behind only Mann and Geathers in quarterback hurries. The Redskins added Keith Willis of Pittsburgh and George Hinkle of San Diego off Plan B and have Jason Buck as a reserve rusher.

Outside linebackers Wilber Marshall and Andre Collins compare to any two in the league. Marshall had by far his best season in Washington and finished second (to Collins) in tackles, third in sacks, fourth in quarterback hurries, first in interceptions, first in forced fumbles, and third in recovered fumbles as the Redskins led the league in turnover ratio.

by covering the opposition's best receiver all over the field. Plan B additions Danny Cope-land and Brad Edwards played so well at the safety spots last year that Kansas City and Minnesota, the teams that let them go, were embarrassed. Alvoid Mays and Terry Hoage are valuable nickel performers and backups who will be helped by the return from injury of Alvin Walton and Clarence Vaughn.

Howard will help Brian Mitchell return kicks. Kelly Goodburn is the punter and Chip Lohmiller is coming off a great year for a place-kicker, hitting a league-leading 12 field goals from beyond 40 yards.

# **REDSKINS VETERAN ROSTER**

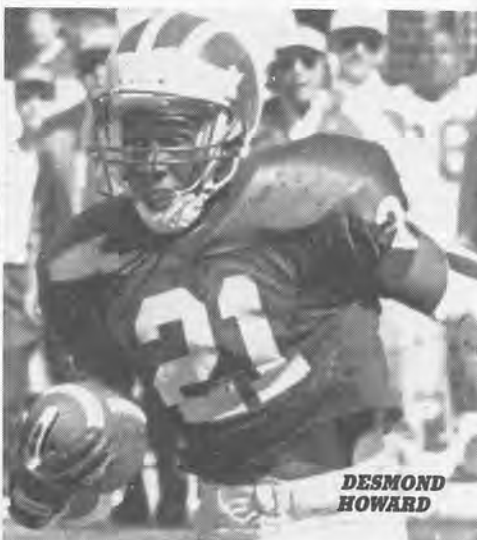
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82	Brandes, John	TE	6-2	249	28	Cameron (OK)
67	Brown, Ray	T	6-5	280	30	Arkansas State
99	Buck, Jason	DE	6-4	265	29	BYU
21	Byner, Earnest	RB	5-10	218	30	East Carolina
50	Caldwell, Ravin	LB	6-3	240	29	Arkansas
84	Clark, Gary	WR	5-9	173	30	James Madison
51	Coleman, Monte	LB	6-2	245	35	Central Arkansas
55	Collins, Andre	LB	6-1	233	24	Penn State
12	Conklin, Cary	QB	6-4	215	24	Washington
26	Copeland, Danny	SS	6-2	213	26	Eastern Kentucky
27	Edwards, Brad	FS	6-2	207	26	South Carolina
64	Elewonibi, Mo	T	6-4	282	27	BYU
32	Ervins, Ricky	RB	5-7	200	24	Southern Cal
	Gabbard, Steve	T	6-3	295	25	Florida State
97	Geathers, James	DT	6-7	289	32	Wichita State
2	Goodburn, Kelly	P	6-2	199	30	Emporia State
54	Gouveia, Kurt	LB	6-1	228	28	BYU
28	Green, Darrell	CB	5-8	170	32	Texas A&I
68	Grimm, Russ	G	6-3	284	33	Pittsburgh
36	Gulledge, David	FS	6-1	203	25	Jacksonville St.
	Hinkle, George	DE	6-5	269	27	Arizona
34	Hoage, Terry	FS	6-2	201	30	Georgia
86	Hobbs, Stephen	WR	5-11	200	27	North Alabama
16	Humphries, Stan	QB	6-2	224	27	NE Louisiana
66	Jacoby, Joe	OL	6-6	314	33	Louisville
88	Jenkins, James	TE	6-2	234	25	Rutgers
47	Johnson, Anthony	CB	5-8	170	25	SW Texas St.
88	Johnson, Jimmie	TE	6-2	246	26	Howard
80	Johnson, Joe	WR	5-8	170	30	Notre Dame
45	Johnson, Sidney	CB	5-9	175	27	California
78	Johnson, Tim	DT	6-3	283	27	Penn State
79	Lachey, Jim	T	6-6	294	29	Ohio State
8	Lohmiller, Chip	K	6-3	210	26	Minnesota
71	Mann, Charles	DE	6-6	272	31	Nevada
58	Marshall, Wilber	LB	6-1	231	30	Florida
35	Mayhew, Martin	CB	5-8	172	27	Florida State
20	Mays, Alvoid	CB	5-9	180	26	West Virginia
15	McCardell, Keenan	WR	6-1	185	22	UNLV
63	McKenzie, Raleigh	OL	6-2	279	29	Tennessee
87	Middleton, Ron	TE	6-2	270	27	Auburn
57	Millen, Matt	LB	6-2	245	34	Penn State
30	Mitchell, Brian	RB	5-10	209	24	SW Louisiana
81	Monk, Art	WR	6-3	210	35	Syracuse
89	Orr, Terry	TE	6-2	235	31	Texas
37	Riggs, Gerald	RB	6-1	240	32	Arizona State
10	Rutledge, Jeff	QB	6-1	193	35	Alabama
11	Rypien, Mark	QB	6-4	234	30	Washington St.
83	Sanders, Ricky	WR	5-11	180	30	SW Texas State
69	Schlereth, Mark	G	6-3	263	26	Idaho
23	Settle, John	RB	5-9	210	27	Appalachian St.
76	Simmons, Ed	T	6-5	300	29	Eastern Wash.
60	Stokes, Fred	DE	6-3	274	28	Georgia Southern
31	Vaughn, Clarence	SS	6-0	202	28	Northern Illinois
40	Walton, Alvin	SS	6-0	180	28	Kansas
85	Warren, Don	TE	6-4	242	36	San Diego St.
	Wilkins, Gary	TE	6-1	250	28	Georgia Tech
75	Williams, Eric	DT	6-4	290	30	Washington St.
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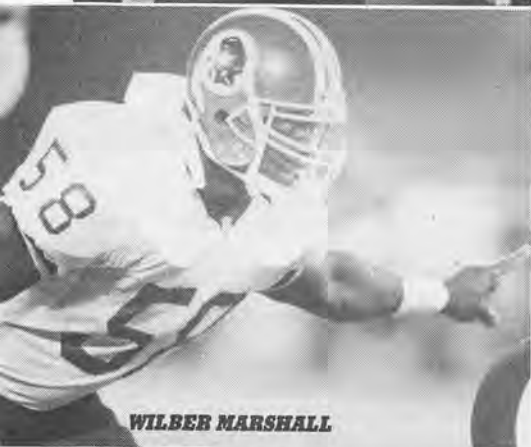
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2	Collins, Shane	DE	6-3	267	Arizona St.
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4	Hakel, Chris	QB	6-2	230	William & Mary
6	Rowe, Ray	TE	6-2	256	San Diego St.
7	Holmes, Calvin	CB	5-8	183	Southern Cal
8	Moore, Darryl	G	6-2	294	UTEP
9	Powell, Boone	LB	6-2	237	Texas
10	Barker, Tony	LB	6-2	230	Rice
11	Smith, Terry	WR	5-9	170	Penn State
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**EARNEST BYNER**



**DESMOND HOWARD**



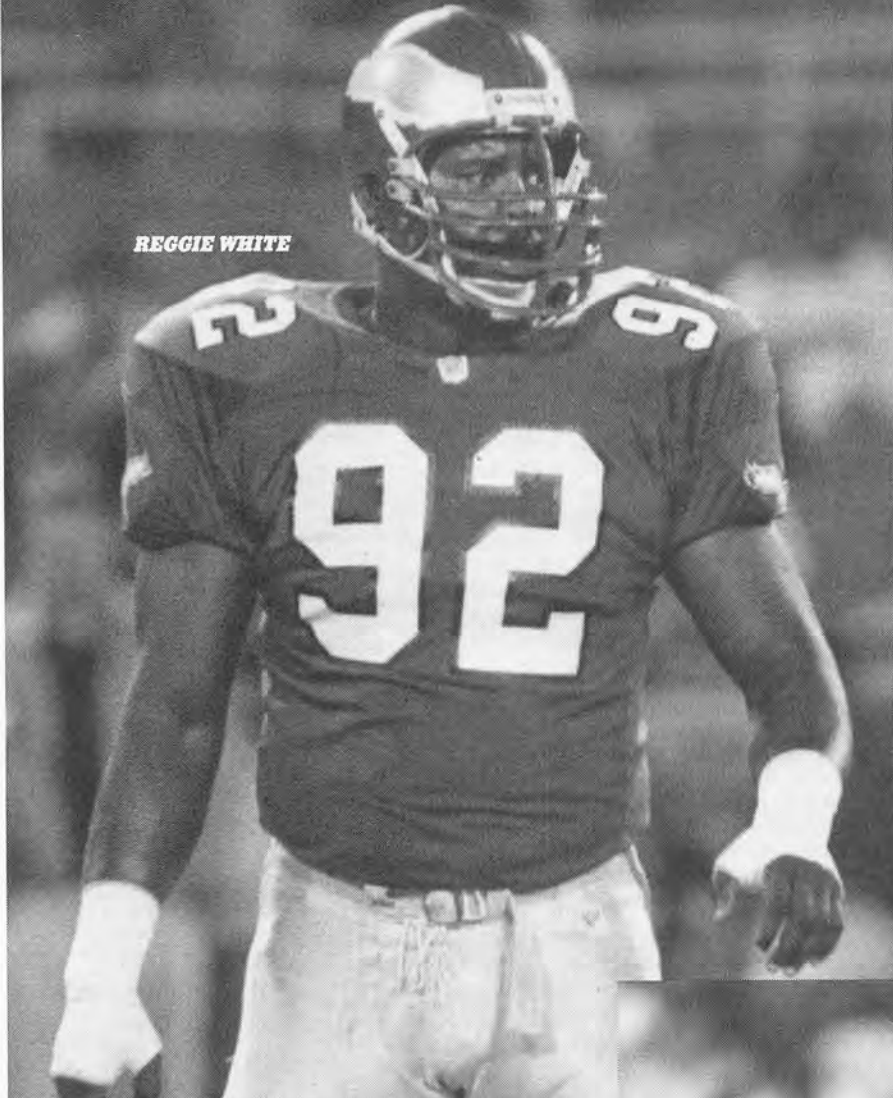
**WILBER MARSHALL**

Monte Coleman continues to impress as a valuable third-down linebacker and the middle is patrolled by Matt Millen and Kurt Gouveia. Ravin Caldwell is another backup.

At cornerback, the Redskins drafted Calvin Holmes in the seventh round to help A.J. Johnson and Sidney Johnson back up starters Darrell Green and Martin Mayhew. At 32, Green remains a key to Petitbon's schemes



REGGIE WHITE



## PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

For a 10-6 team that missed the playoffs for the first time since 1987, the Eagles enter 1992 with considerable confidence. If you believe that defense wins championships, it's easy to see why the Eagles are so high.

"If we get Randall back at full speed, I think we'll win the Super Bowl," said defensive end Reggie White.

"I guarantee it," said safety Andre Waters.

Randall Cunningham returns after injuring his knee in the opening game of a season. Defense carried the Eagles. Under new coordinator Bud Carson, the defense was statistically better than it ever was under Buddy Ryan. It finished first in overall yardage, first against the run, and first against the pass. Not since the 1975 Vikings had a defense been No. 1 in all three categories. Five starters made the Pro Bowl and three of them—Reggie White, Jerome Brown, and Clyde Simmons—play on the front four where it all starts. The Eagles tied for the league lead in takeaways with 48 and set a modern-era record by allowing only 71 yards per game rushing.

"We have the best defense I've ever seen," coach Rich Kotite said.

So what did the Eagles do with their second pick in the draft? In the third round, they took a defensive tackle, Tommy Jeter of Texas. "We can't let injuries take away from our effectiveness on defense," Kotite said.

Injuries at quarterback haunted Kotite so much that he is seriously thinking about keeping four quarterbacks on his roster. As luxurious as that may seem, it would be one fewer

### EAGLES 1991 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Ruzek, 111 points on 27 extra points and 28 field goals... 4th

RUSHING—Joseph, 440 yards on 135 carries, 3.3 avg., 3 TDs... 17th

PASSING—McMahon, 187 of 311 attempts for 2,239 yards and 12 TDs... 8th

RECEIVING—Barnett, 62 receptions for 948 yards, 15.3 avg., 4 TDs... 10th

—Byars, 62 receptions for 564 yards, 9.1 avg., 3 TDs... 10th

INTERCEPTIONS—Hopkins, 5 for 26 yards, 5.2 average... 12nd

—Allen, 5 for 20 yards, 4.0 average... 12nd

PUNTING—Feagles, 87 punts, 41.8 avg., longest 77 yards... 7th

PUNT RETURNS—Harris, 53 for 416 yards, 7.8 average... 12th

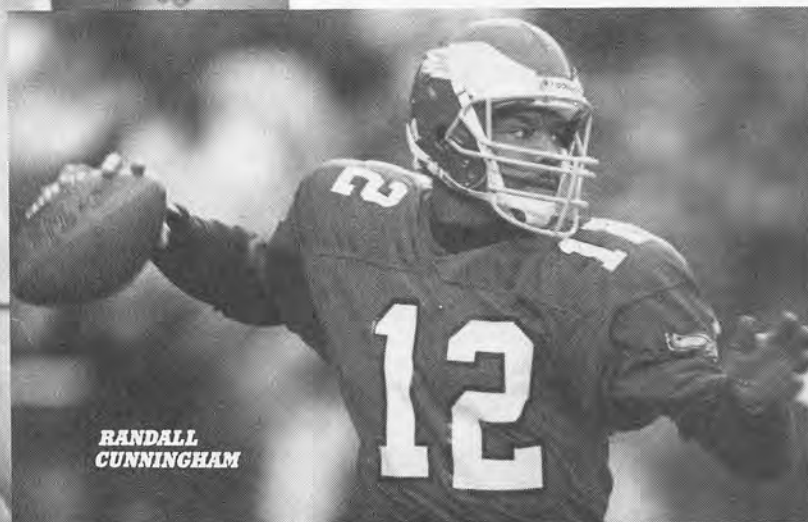
KICKOFF RETURNS—Harris, 28 for 473 yards, 16.9 average... 12th

SACKS—White, 15.0 sacks... 2nd

### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	1	New York Jets at Canton, OH
	8	At Pittsburgh (N)
	15	CINCINNATI (N)
	23	At Atlanta
	27	NEW YORK JETS (N)

1992 SCHEDULE		1991 SCORES
September	6	NEW ORLEANS... 6-13
	13	At Phoenix (N)... 34-14
	20	DENVER... —
	27	OPEN DATE... —
October	5	DALLAS (N)... 13-25
	11	At Kansas City... —
	18	At Washington... 0-23
	25	PHOENIX... 10-26
November	1	At Dallas... 24-0
	8	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS... —
	15	Green Bay at Milwaukee... 20-3
	22	At New York Giants... 19-14
	29	At San Francisco... 7-23
December	6	MINNESOTA... —
	13	At Seattle... —
	20	WASHINGTON... 24-22
	27	NEW YORK GIANTS... 30-7



RANDALL CUNNINGHAM

than he needed last year, when Cunningham was followed by Jim McMahon, Pat Ryan, Brad Goebel, and Jeff Kemp. The Eagles added David Archer, drafted Casey Weldon of Florida State in the fourth round, and signed free agent Peter Graham. All but Ryan were on the preseason roster.

Cunningham will take it easy in the preseason until the Eagles are convinced he is fully recovered from the injury that required surgery on September 4 for repair of the medial collateral and posterior cruciate ligaments in his left knee. Ordinary quarterbacks would be less affected than Cunningham, who is the leading rusher among active quarterbacks. Even at full strength, Cunningham has lost the cloak of invincibility that shrouded him



through his first six seasons as a daredevil scrambler. Healthy, he alone has the ability to provide the offensive boost to get the Eagles over the top. McMahon, although sometimes brilliant in relief, underwent elbow and knee surgery in the offseason and also suffered broken ribs in the course of posting an 8-3 record as a starter. That's why finding a competent third quarterback is so important.

Without Cunningham, the Eagles fell from first in rushing to 21st and are eager to find more running backs. Their first draft choice, second-rounder Siran Stacy of Alabama, will get every opportunity to play beside all-purpose back Keith Byars, the Eagles' version of an H-back/tight end/fullback/wide receiver. Byars rushed for a modest 383 yards, but his 4.1 average and his 564 yards receiving again made him one of the most productive weapons in the league. Rookie James Joseph came through with a team-leading 440 yards and will be a bigger factor this year. But Kotite needs more speed. He hopes Thomas Sanders can return from an ankle injury and Heath Sherman is in better shape than he was a year ago. Notre Dame's fourth-rounder Tony Brooks will get a look. The Eagles added Plan B runner Don Overton from the Lions.

Fred Barnett and Calvin Williams have developed into a more than adequate pair of young receivers and veteran Roy Green is still effective as a speedy and savvy third receiver. Added speed is a priority, so the Eagles signed Floyd Dixon from Atlanta's Plan B list and drafted little Jeff Sydnor of Hawaii, who has to be fast because he's only 5-6. Described as a "Dave Meggett-type," Sydnor could help on third downs and in returns. Kenny Jackson and Rod Harris are backups.

Tight end Keith Jackson caught a career-low 48 passes and was a victim of the quarterback derby. Jackson had a special rapport with Cunningham that the two hope to re-establish. He's backed by Maurice Johnson, with veteran Mickey Shuler questionable because of a back injury.

Kotite let two offensive-line coaches go and hired Bill Muir with orders to produce a more aggressive approach. "We want these guys to have the temperament that our defense has; we don't want to be a finesse offense," Kotite said. Better protection for the quarterbacks is crucial. The only set positions are right tackle Antone Davis and center David Alexander. Davis will start his second season lighter and

wiser after struggling through rookie mistakes. Left tackle Ron Heller is a battler who might be pushed by Daryle Smith or by San Diego Plan B addition Eric Floyd. The guard spots are wide open, with second-year man Rob Selby slated to replace Dennis McKnight on the left and Tampa Bay Plan B pickup John Bruhin penciled in for the departed Ron Solt on the right. Cecil Gray and Mike Schad are returning from injury and John Hudson is a backup at guard and center along with Plan B pickup Guy Bingham of Atlanta.

The defense is practically a pat hand, with injured cornerback Ben Smith the only question mark. He is not scheduled to return until October, so Izel Jenkins and Otis Smith will have to fill in, with converted safety John Booty and fifth-rounder Corey Barlow in reserve. They will play opposite Pro Bowler Eric Allen, whom Kotite calls the best corner he's ever been around. Safeties Andre Waters and Wes Hopkins also enjoyed good years, but could be pushed by Jesse Campbell. The entire secondary benefits immensely from a front seven unmatched in football.

White had 15 sacks, Simmons 13, and Brown 9. There is argument in Philly over whether White, Brown, or linebacker Seth Joyner is most valuable. Joyner had a sensational year that catapulted him into the league's elite. Middle linebacker Byron Evans is underrated and on the verge of the Pro Bowl, Kotite thinks. Rookie William Thomas defied experts who thought he was too small by playing the right-linebacker spot with



aplomb. Mike Pitts is the fourth starter up front and is merely a former No. 1 draft choice who was in on 100 tackles. Mike Golic had similar statistics as the swing tackle and Andy Harmon is pushing for more time. Mike Flores is a backup. At linebacker, the reserves are Britt Hager, Ken Rose, and Scott Kowalkowski.

The rookie Sydnor and Plan B addition Vai Sikahema from Green Bay should bolster the return phase of special teams. Punter Jeff Feagles will get a challenge from 11th-rounder Pumpu Tudors of the all-name team. Roger Ruzek is the place-kicker.

#### EAGLES VETERAN ROSTER

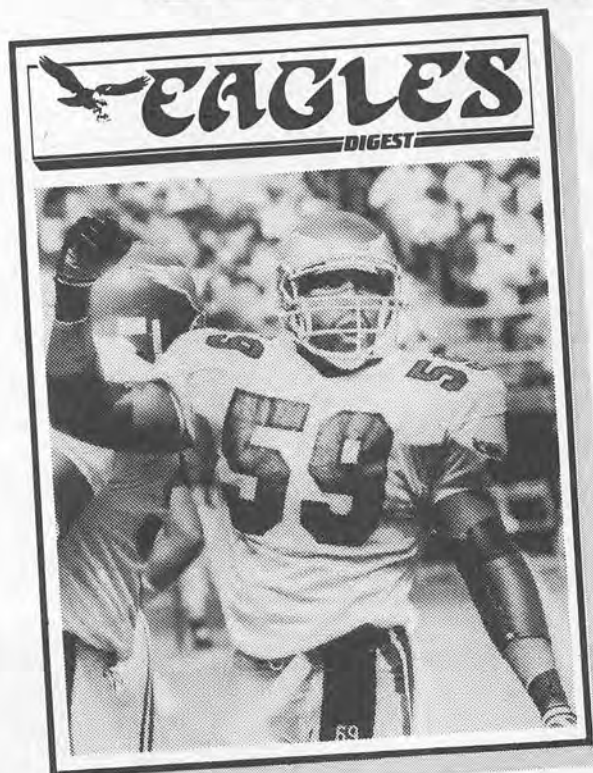
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21	Allen, Eric	CB	5-10	180	27	Arizona State
18	Archer, Dave	QB	6-2	208	30	Iowa State
86	Barnett, Fred	WR	6-0	199	26	Arkansas State
	Bingham, Guy	C	6-3	260	34	Montana
42	Booty, John	DB	6-0	180	27	TCU
99	Brown, Jerome	DT	6-2	295	27	Miami
67	Bruhin, John	G	6-3	285	28	Tennessee
41	Byars, Keith	RB	6-1	238	29	Ohio State
37	Campbell, Jesse	S	6-1	215	23	N.C. St.
12	Cunningham, Randall	QB	6-4	205	29	UNLV
78	Davis, Antone	T	6-4	325	25	Tennessee
84	Dixon, Floyd	WR	5-9	170	28	Stephen F. Austin
56	Evans, Byron	LB	6-2	235	28	Arizona
5	Feagles, Jeff	P	6-1	205	26	Miami
95	Flores, Mike	DE	6-3	256	26	Louisville
	Floyd, Eric	OL	6-5	310	27	Auburn
8	Goebel, Brad	QB	6-3	198	25	Baylor
90	Golic, Mike	DT	6-5	275	30	Notre Dame
11	Graham, Peter	QB	6-3	207	25	Notre Dame
33	Graves, Broderick	RB	5-11	202	24	Win-Salem St.
71	Gray, Cecil	OL	6-4	275	24	North Carolina
81	Green, Roy	WR	6-1	195	35	Henderson St.
54	Hager, Britt	LB	6-1	225	26	Texas
91	Harmon, Andy	DE	6-4	265	23	Kent State
80	Harris, Rod	WR	5-10	185	26	Texas A&M
73	Heller, Ron	T	6-6	280	30	Penn State
19	Hess, Bill	WR	5-8	171	26	West Chester
48	Hopkins, Wes	FS	6-1	215	31	SMU
76	Hudson, John	OL	6-2	275	24	Auburn
88	Jackson, Keith	TE	6-2	250	27	Oklahoma
83	Jackson, Kenny	WR	6-0	180	30	Penn State
46	Jenkins, Izel	CB	5-10	190	28	N.C. St.
87	Johnson, Maurice	TE	6-2	243	25	Temple
32	Joseph, James	RB	6-0	222	25	Auburn
59	Joyner, Seth	LB	6-2	235	28	UTEP
16	Kemp, Jeff	QB	6-0	201	33	Dartmouth
84	Kovell, Paul	TE	6-2	233	24	Indiana (PA)
97	Kowalkowski, Scott	LB	6-2	228	24	Notre Dame
62	McKnight, Dennis	OL	6-3	280	32	Drake
9	McMahon, Jim	QB	6-1	195	33	BYU
38	Miano, Rich	DB	6-1	200	30	Hawaii
35	Mitchell, Chris	DB	6-1	197	25	Mississippi
	Overton, Don	RB	6-0	221	25	Fairmont State
13	Patterson, Melvin	WR	6-1	190	27	Stephen F. Austin
74	Pitts, Mike	DT	6-5	290	32	Alabama
55	Rosa, Ken	LB	6-1	215	30	UNLV
7	Ruzek, Roger	K	6-1	200	32	Weber State
45	Sanders, Thomas	RB	5-11	202	30	Texas A&M
79	Schad, Mike	G	6-5	290	29	Queens (Canada)
75	Selby, Rob	OL	6-3	296	25	Auburn
23	Sherman, Heath	RB	6-0	205	25	Texas A&I
82	Shuler, Mickey	TE	6-3	230	36	Penn State
22	Sikahema, Vai	KR	5-9	196	30	BYU
96	Simmons, Clyde	DE	6-6	280	28	Western Carolina
26	Smith, Ben	DB	5-11	185	25	Georgia
63	Smith, Daryle	T	6-5	276	28	Tennessee
30	Smith, Otis	CB	5-11	184	27	Missouri
51	Thomas, William	LB	6-2	218	24	Texas A&M
20	Waters, Andre	SS	5-11	200	30	Cheyne
92	White, Reggie	DE	6-5	285	31	Tennessee
89	Williams, Calvin	WR	5-11	190	25	Purdue

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2	Stacey, Siran	RB	5-11	203	Alabama
3	Jeter, Tommy	DT	6-5	282	Texas
4	Brooks, Tony	RB	6-0	230	Notre Dame
4	Weldon, Casey	QB	6-0	200	Florida State
5	Barlow, Corey	DB	5-9	182	Auburn
6	Sydnor, Jeff	WR	5-6	170	Hawaii
7	Boatwright, William	G	6-2	307	Virginia Tech
8	Bullough, Chuck	LB	6-1	226	Michigan St.
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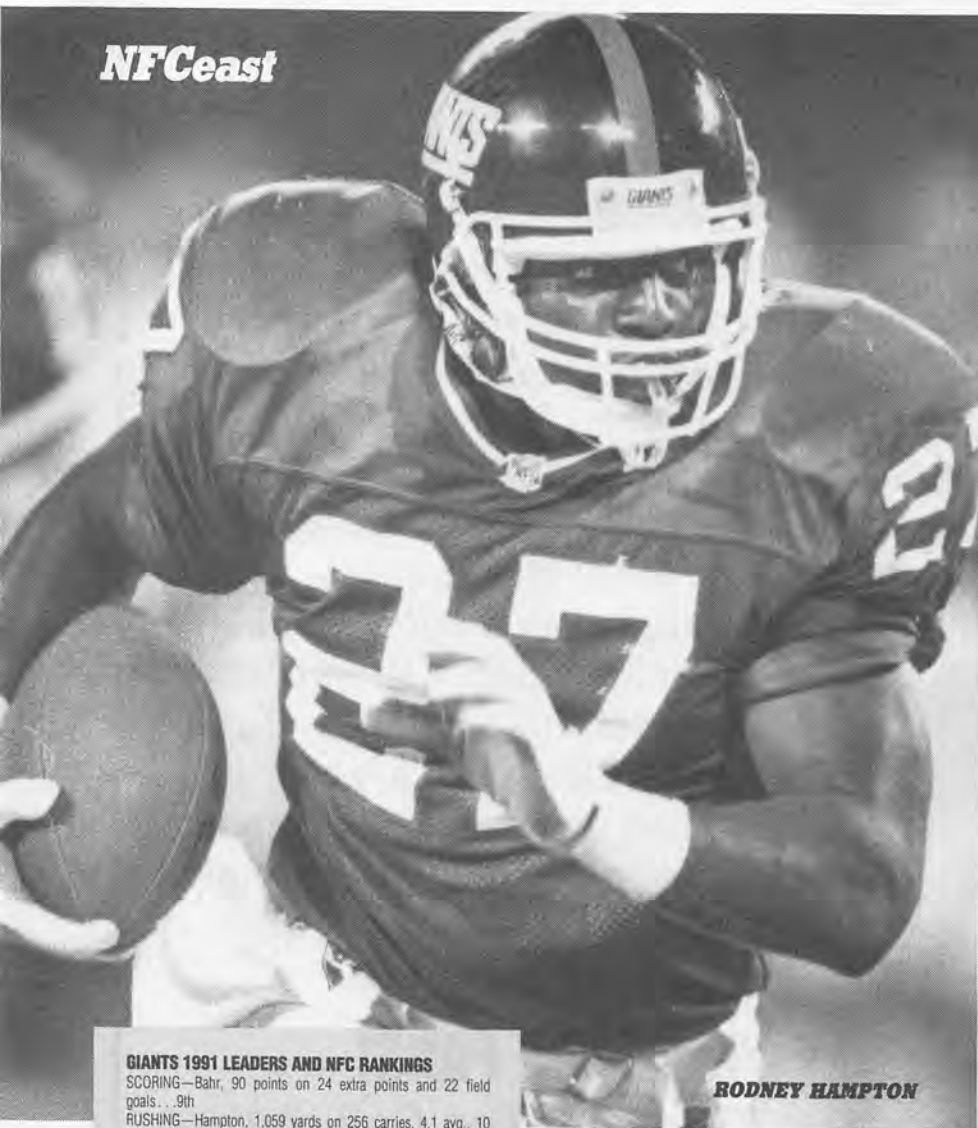
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## GIANTS 1991 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

**SCORING**—Bahr, 90 points on 24 extra points and 22 field goals...9th  
**RUSHING**—Hampton, 1,059 yards on 256 carries, 4.1 avg., 10 TDs...3rd  
**PASSING**—Hostetler, 179 of 285 attempts for 2,032 yards and 5 TDs...5th  
**RECEIVING**—Ingram, 51 receptions for 824 yards, 16.2 avg., 3 TDs...116th  
**INTERCEPTIONS**—Collins, 4 for 77 yards, 19.3 average...T3rd  
     —Walls, 4 for 7 yards, 1.8 average...T3rd  
**PUNTING**—Landela, 64 punts, 43.3 avg., longest 61 yards...4th  
**PUNT RETURNS**—Meggett, 28 for 287 yards, 10.3 avg., 1 TD...4th  
**KICKOFF RETURNS**—Meggett, 25 for 514 yards, 20.6 average...7th  
**SACKS**—Marshall, 11.0 sacks...T5th

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 15 CLEVELAND (N)  
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October	4 At Los Angeles Raiders.....	—
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	27 At Philadelphia.....	7-30

## NEW YORK GIANTS

Doomed by a late start in his initial season, Giants coach Ray Handley vows to do things his way the second time around. Predecessor Bill Parcells did the club no favors by hanging on until his May 15 resignation last year, but he was obviously concerned about a heart condition that didn't allow for clear plans. Orderly transition is tough enough; untimely change is a blueprint for mediocrity, which the Giants perfectly achieved with an 8-8 record in a failed attempt to defend their Super Bowl championship.

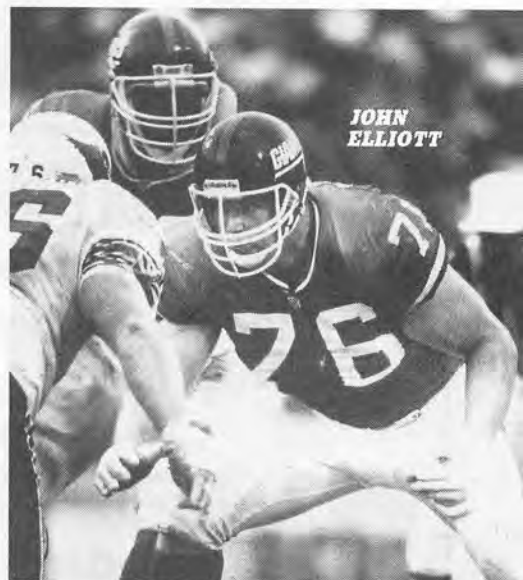
Handley switched offensive and defensive coordinators as soon after the season as he could, hiring Rod Rust for his defense and promoting quarterbacks coach Jim Fassel on offense. General manager George Young signed five Plan B prospects, more than ever. Come draft day, the Giants paid a great tribute to departed tight end Mark Bavaro by selecting not one replacement but two, tabbing Notre Dame's Derek Brown No. 1 and Washington's Aaron Pierce No. 3. Bavaro came as an unheralded fourth-rounder in 1984 out of Notre Dame and left two Super Bowls and one battered body later. He was missed last season more than quarterbacks Jeff Hostetler or Phil Simms could imagine.

Handley barely survived the New York media glare, walking out on a quarterback question in December he had heard too often. Realizing he is unlikely to outlast that question, Handley promised a different approach this year. Hostetler remains his quarterback and Handley will take charge in more areas.

"If I made a mistake, I took this job and maybe looked at myself as a caretaker," Handley said. "Maybe I tried to take Bill Parcells's team and coach it as Ray Handley. In the future, a team coached by Ray Handley will be a Ray Handley team."

The Giants are still a fairly solid team, which is not always good enough in the tough NFC East. Age is creeping around the edges and speed is a luxury the Giants see others have. The Redskins drafted receiver Desmond Howard. The Cowboys drafted cornerback Kevin Smith.

Hostetler should benefit from an offense Fassel promises to open up from the grind-it-out days, but with a big, strong offensive line, the addition of young tight ends, and the emergence of Rodney Hampton as a premier running back, it may be more practical to stay close to the vest. Hostetler's 62.8 percent completion rate was a club record; he also had the longest touchdown run of the year, 47 yards, living up to the reputation that enabled him to beat out Simms, who was productive after Hostetler went out with a back injury. In 141 attempts, Simms threw eight touchdown passes. Hostetler threw five TDs in 285 at-



**JOHN ELLIOTT**

tempts. Unless Plan B addition Jeff Carlson develops in a hurry, Simms appears destined to finish his career with the Giants, even though he would prefer a chance to play somewhere else.

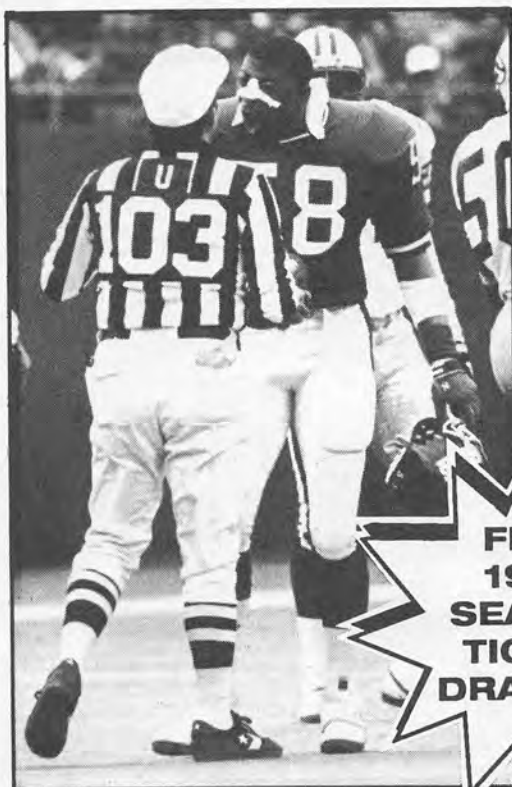
Receiver Mark Ingram surpassed his four-year yardage total in one season, missing the 1,000-yard mark by two yards. His 51 catches nearly matched his four-year total of 58 as he emerged as Hostetler's No. 1 target. Stephen Baker, the Touchdown Maker, led the club with four scoring catches as the Giants finished 19th in points. Ingram, Baker, and the promising second-year prospect Ed McCafrey will be joined by Plan B additions Chris Calloway from Pittsburgh and Millard Hamilton from New England. The addition of Brown



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and Pierce could push starting tight end Howard Cross out of a job or at least improve the production at a position that is vital to both the passing and running game.

Hampton appears ready to join the elite backs in his third season. After missing two games with a shoulder injury, he wound up with 1,059 yards last year and an additional 283 as the team's No. 3 receiver. For his efforts, Hampton will no longer have to return kickoffs. Lewis Tillman averaged a very respectable 4.4 yards as Hampton's backup, making Otis Anderson's annual battle to win a spot on the team that much tougher. David Meggett is one of the league's best third-down specialists. He averaged 5.3 yards on 29 rushes and 8.2 yards on 50 catches. The Giants bid farewell to fullback Maurice Carthon to make room for second-year player Jarrod Bunch, who will be backed up by Plan B addition Greg Amsler from Phoenix.

The offensive line is a team strength, with John Elliott, William Roberts, Bart Oates, Eric Moore, and Doug Riesenberger back for another campaign. Although the group didn't have its best season, it is still one of the league's premier units. Oates will be 35 and is coming off a Pro Bowl at center. Former No. 1 pick Brian Williams is supposed to beat him out every year and can't do it. Tackles Elliott and Riesenberger are backed up by another young prospect, Clarence Jones, last year's fourth-round pick. Bob Kratch pushes guards Roberts and Moore. Roberts is coming off a particularly consistent year.

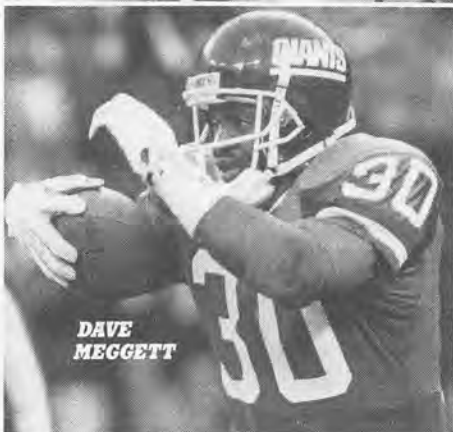
Handley has plans to spend more time with his defense this year. Rust is contemplating changes that may include some 4-3 fronts, almost unheard of with the Giants. If fourth-round defensive lineman Keith Hamilton of Pitt and last year's second-round pick Kanavis McGhee show enough to warrant playing time, Rust could move end Mike Fox inside with nose tackle Erik Howard and backup John Washington and let Hamilton and McGhee battle it out with left end Eric Dorsey opposite Leonard Marshall. Dorsey's one-half

sack was a disappointment. McGhee appears too big to play linebacker, so will get a shot at a down position. Marshall had 11 sacks in his ninth season.

Linebacker Lawrence Taylor admits he's thinking more about golf than about football. The play of rookie Corey Miller in Taylor's absence was encouraging as Miller got 2½ sacks in the final two games. Carl Banks starts his ninth season at left linebacker. Pepper Johnson is the team's leading tackler from one inside linebacker spot, which he could handle alone in a 4-3. Gary Reasons, Steve DeOssie, and Plan B addition Ed Reynolds from New England are also inside pluggers. Bobby Abrams backs up outside.



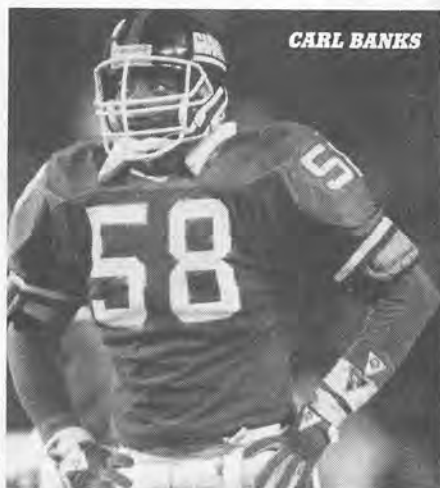
**LAWRENCE TAYLOR**



**DAVE MEGGETT**

Changes in the secondary are expected with the arrival of second-rounder Phillip Sparks to challenge right cornerback Everson Walls opposite the solid Mark Collins. Two recruits from Washington State, Michael Wright and Anthony Prior, will get looks at safety, where last year's starters, Greg Jackson and Myron Guyton, had disappointing performances. Second-year man Lamar McGriggs and Thom Kaumeyer also figure in the safety rotation and former starting cornerback Perry Williams, third-year corner Roger Brown, and special-teams ace Reyna Thompson are backups.

Meggett, Thompson, punter Sean Landeta, and place-kicker Matt Bahr are the nucleus of a solid special-teams group.



**CARL BANKS**

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68	Jones, Clarence	T	6-6	280	24	Maryland
49	Kaumeyer, Thom	S	5-11	190	25	Oregon
61	Kratch, Bob	G	6-3	288	26	Iowa
5	Landeta, Sean	P	6-0	210	30	Towson State
70	Marshall, Leonard	DE	6-3	285	31	LSU
81	McCartney, Ed	WR	6-5	215	24	Stanford
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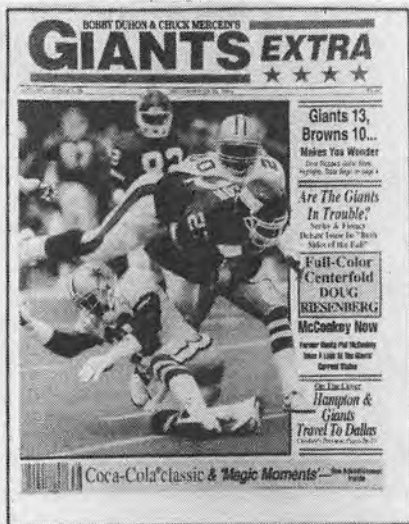
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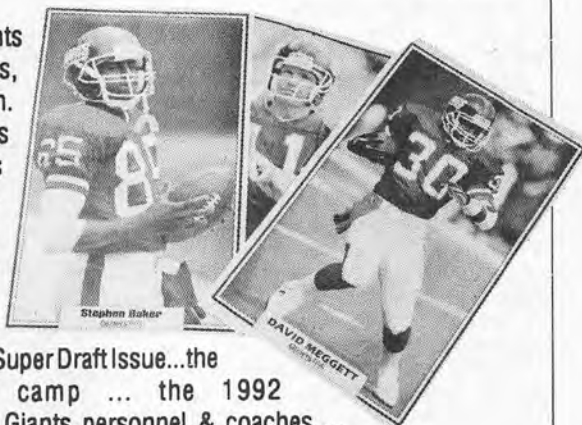
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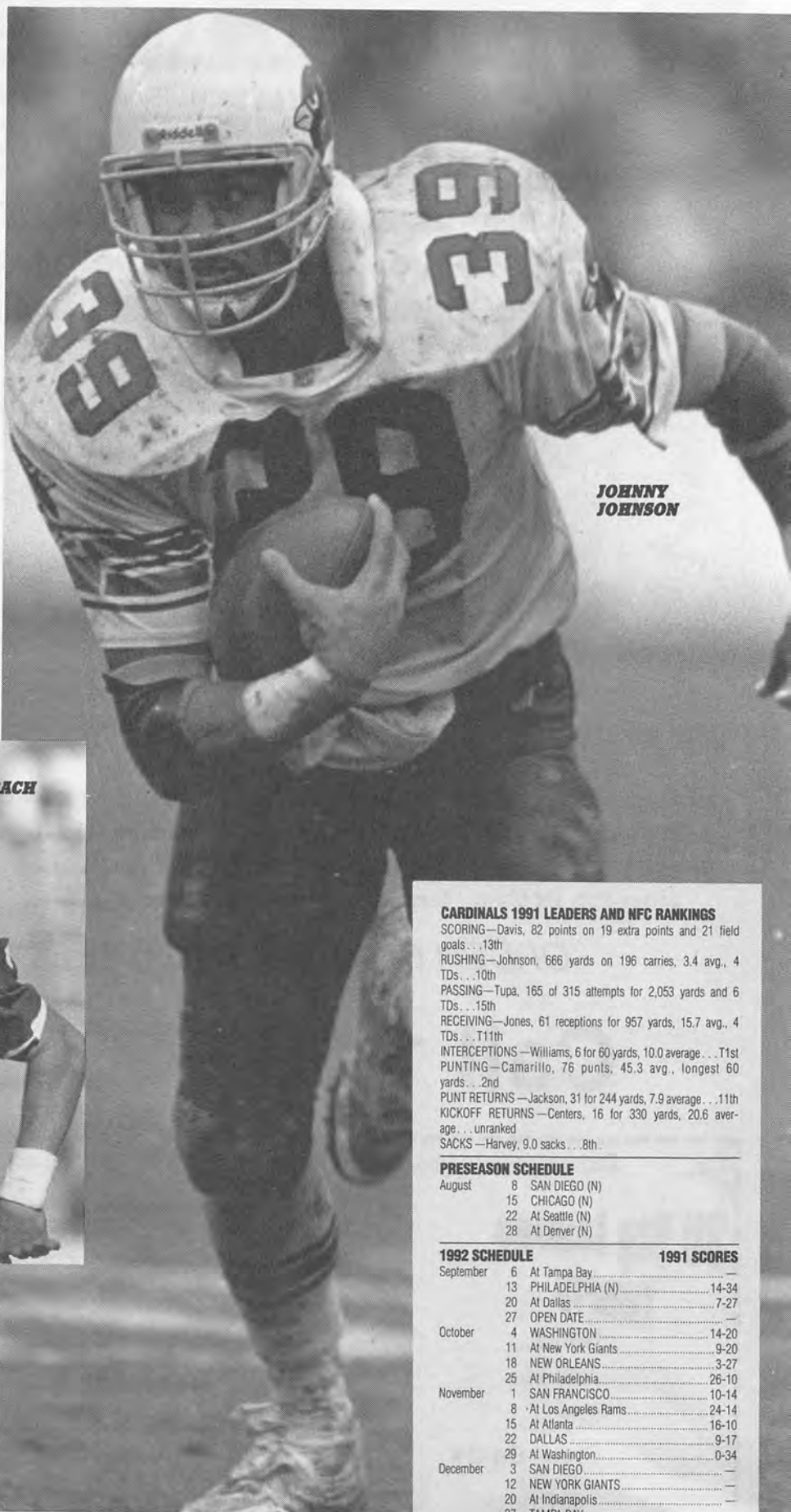
# PHOENIX CARDINALS

Things are looking down for the hapless Cardinals. From 7-9 to 5-11 to 5-11 to 4-12, the Cardinals are sinking in the NFC East. Phoenix is in ashes, but there is always a sunny side in this town. Owner Billy Bidwill did two things in the offseason: He eliminated seats with an obstructed view and he allowed the sale of beer throughout Sun Devil Stadium. Maybe the combination will make the Cardinals look better than they are.

Never renowned for their drafting prowess, the Cards traded out of the first round when they obtained receiver Randal Hill from Miami last season. The timing was strange. Hill is a speedy player with a promising future. But the Cardinals made the deal after their quarterback Timm Rosenbach went out for the season. Hill, the 23rd pick in a so-so 1991 draft, was traded for what turned out to be the seventh pick in the loaded 1992 draft. The Cards are convinced they did the right thing. Just for the sake of future argument among Phoenix fans, the seventh pick this year was Wisconsin cornerback Troy Vincent.

The Cardinals still can't run or stop the run, the two most basic fundamentals of successful football. Sometimes, teams can get by with one and not the other, but the inability to do either spells certain doom. The 1-15 Indianapolis Colts, for example, were dead last in both categories last season.

The draft yielded virtually no promise of immediate help. Top pick Tony Sacca of Penn State will be a third-string quarterback. Third-rounder Ed Cunningham of Washington will



be a second-string center. Fourth-rounder Jeff Christy of Pitt thought he was a sixth-rounder but could wind up starting at offensive tackle. All five Plan B additions—tackle Mark May, linebacker Jessie Small, safety Pat Eilers, tight end Butch Rolle, and running back-returner Johnny Bailey—could vie for starting jobs.

The Cardinals finished last season with an eight-game losing streak. Their main hope is the healthy return of Rosenbach, who is ahead of schedule in knee rehab. Rosenbach

## CARDINALS 1991 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Davis, 82 points on 19 extra points and 21 field goals...13th  
RUSHING—Johnson, 666 yards on 196 carries, 3.4 avg., 4 TDs...10th  
PASSING—Tupa, 165 of 315 attempts for 2,053 yards and 6 TDs...15th  
RECEIVING—Jones, 61 receptions for 957 yards, 15.7 avg., 4 TDs...11th  
INTERCEPTIONS—Williams, 6 for 60 yards, 10.0 average...T1st  
PUNTING—Camarillo, 76 punts, 45.3 avg., longest 60 yards...2nd  
PUNT RETURNS—Jackson, 31 for 244 yards, 7.9 average...11th  
KICKOFF RETURNS—Centers, 16 for 330 yards, 20.6 average...unranked  
SACKS—Harvey, 9.0 sacks...8th

## PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 8 SAN DIEGO (N)  
15 CHICAGO (N)  
22 At Seattle (N)  
28 At Denver (N)

## 1992 SCHEDULE

		1991 SCORES
September	6 At Tampa Bay	—
	13 PHILADELPHIA (N)	14-34
	20 At Dallas	7-27
	27 OPEN DATE	—
October	4 WASHINGTON	14-20
	11 At New York Giants	9-20
	18 NEW ORLEANS	3-27
	25 At Philadelphia	26-10
November	1 SAN FRANCISCO	10-14
	8 At Los Angeles Rams	24-14
	15 At Atlanta	16-10
	22 DALLAS	9-17
	29 At Washington	0-34
December	3 SAN DIEGO	—
	12 NEW YORK GIANTS	—
	20 At Indianapolis	—
	27 TAMPA BAY	—



is a fiery team leader who was ready to make a move when he was hurt in a freak practice incident. If the new knee prevents him from scrambling, Rosenbach will probably invent another way to compete. The addition of Chris Chandler gave the Cards an experienced backup if Rosenbach is not ready. The drafting of Sacca indicates they don't want to take any chances.

The only receiver in this year's draft to compare to Hill was Desmond Howard, so the Cards invested a year early in the deep threat they have missed since Roy Green left. "He has to be on the field," said coach Joe Bugel. With possession receiver Ricky Proehl and physical Ernie Jones to complement Hill, the Cards think they are set at the wideouts. Anthony Edwards and John Jackson are backups. Bugel thinks Walter Reeves is among the best blocking tight ends in football. The addition of seventh-rounder Derek Ware is interesting because Ware never met a fight he didn't like.

Bugel promises to get more involved on an offensive line that needs retooling. Tootie Robbins was traded to Green Bay and Luis Sharpe fell out of favor, leaving the Cards without their bookend tackles for the first time in 10 years. The acquisition of veterans Mark May and Danny Villa gives Bugel some versatility at guard or tackle, where some combination of Joe Wolf, Vernice Smith, Lance Smith, and Willie Williams will emerge. Williams backed up at every spot on the line, including tight end. The only certain starter is center Bill Lewis, whose back problem forced the drafting of Cunningham. Kani Kauahi is the best long snapper in the league, Bugel thinks.

At running back, the Cardinals could have a problem if Johnny Johnson has contract trouble again and Anthony Thompson doesn't get any faster. The addition of tight end Butch Rolle as the Cards' first natural H-back in Bugel's one-back attack may help both the run and the pass. Tim Jorden is more of a backup tight end than an H-back. Depth at running back is a concern with Ivory Lee Brown, Larry Centers, and Plan B addition Johnny Bailey from Chicago the only candidates on the early roster. Brown was one of the top rushers in the World League. Bailey is a nifty runner who could help on third down.

The defense showed improvement under new coordinator Fritz Shurmur, who changed

seven positions and still is far from satisfied. The continued development of Eric Swann is paramount if the Cards are to take another step up. Swann slimmed down from 338 to 310 and can be a force anywhere Shurmur puts him. He played both ends and the nose, although right end appears to be his spot in the base 3-4 front. The development of second-year man Mike Jones also is vital. He must push 305-pound Jeff Faulkner on the other end or force someone to move inside, where Jim Wahler is willing but light at 275. Craig Patterson, at 317, could give the Cards three 300-pounders on the line.

The linebackers are the strength of the team, with Freddie Joe Nunn and Ken Harvey

providing as good a pair outside as any team in the league. Both are rangy, explosive, every-down players who can rush and drop. Together, they had 32 of the team's 46 quarterback hurries. Inside, Eric Hill led the team in tackles and is a nasty dominating force who has been complemented by Tyrone Stowe, such a big hitter that any resounding tackle is now nicknamed "a Stowe." The addition of Plan B linebacker Jessie Small from Philadelphia helps the depth that includes Jock Jones, Sidney Coleman, and bulked-up former World League terror Steve Hyche.

Cornerback Aeneas Williams tied for the NFC lead in interceptions with six in a brilliant rookie year. With Robert Massey returning after a bout with hepatitis to play the right side, Shurmur has a talented pair of starters. Lorenzo Lynch is a hard-hitting valuable backup with experience. Steve Lofton is fast. Jay Taylor is a nickel corner. In the middle, the return of Tim McDonald at strong safety will solidify the secondary. McDonald missed the last four games with a broken leg and still was voted to the Pro Bowl. Plan B pickup Pat Eilers from Minnesota will push Michael Zordich at free safety. Veteran Dave Duerson was an invaluable replacement for McDonald and Dexter Davis is a physical second-year prospect.

Punter Rich Camarillo and place-kicker Greg Davis are the best combination in the league in Bugel's estimation. He would just like to see a little less of both of them. Bailey could boost the return game if he learns to catch better than he did in Chicago. Rookie Eric Blount is a return specialist and Randal Hill is there to help out.

### CARDINALS VETERAN ROSTER

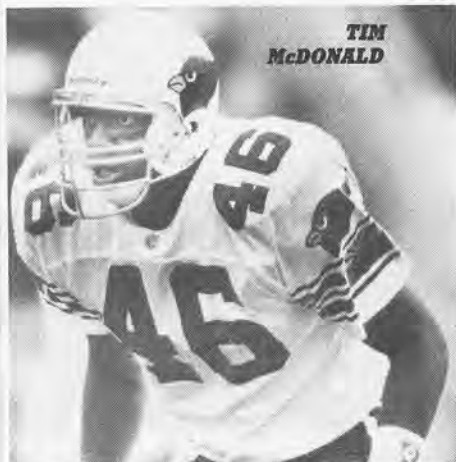
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25	Brown, Eddie	WR	5-11	192	23	Louisiana Tech
33	Brown, Ivory Lee	RB	6-2	230	23	Ark-Pine Bluff
16	Camarillo, Rich	P	5-11	195	33	Washington
37	Centers, Larry	RB	6-0	200	24	Stephen F. Austin
17	Chandler, Chris	QB	6-4	220	27	Washington
93	Coleman, Sidney	LB	6-2	250	28	Southern Miss
21	Davis, Dexter	CB	5-10	190	22	Clemson
5	Davis, Greg	K	6-0	200	27	Citadel
22	Duerson, Dave	S	6-1	208	32	Notre Dame
81	Edwards, Anthony	WR	5-9	190	26	N.M. Highlands
24	Eilers, Pat	S	5-11	195	26	Notre Dame
94	Faulkner, Jeff	DE	6-4	305	28	Southern U.
56	Harvey, Ken	LB	6-3	230	27	California
58	Hill, Eric	LB	6-2	250	26	LSU
81	Hill, Randal	WR	5-10	177	23	Miami
97	Hyche, Steve	LB	6-2	226	29	Livingston
80	Jackson, John	WR	6-0	183	25	Southern Cal
53	Jax, Garth	LB	6-3	240	29	Florida State
39	Johnson, Johnny	RB	6-3	220	24	San Jose St.
86	Jones, Ernie	WR	6-0	200	28	Indiana
55	Jones, Jock	LB	6-2	227	24	Virginia Tech
75	Jones, Mike	DL	6-4	285	23	North Carolina St.
85	Jorden, Tim	TE	6-3	235	26	Indiana
57	Kauahi, Kani	C	6-3	275	33	Hawaii
51	Lewis, Bill	C	6-6	290	29	Nebraska
28	Lofton, Steve	CB	5-9	180	24	Texas A&M
29	Lynch, Lorenzo	CB	5-10	200	29	Sacramento St.
40	Massey, Robert	CB	5-10	185	25	N.C. Central
73	May, Mark	OL	6-6	290	33	Pittsburgh
46	McDonald, Tim	SS	6-2	215	27	Southern Cal
71	Nord, Mike	T	6-7	290	25	North Alabama
50	Nunn, Freddie Joe	LB	6-4	250	30	Mississippi
76	Patterson, Craig	NG	6-4	317	28	BYU
87	Proehl, Ricky	WR	6-0	190	24	Wake Forest
89	Reeves, Walter	TE	6-3	266	27	Auburn
64	Richards, James	G	6-4	289	23	California
82	Rolle, Bulch	HB	6-4	245	28	Michigan State
3	Rosenbach, Timm	QB	6-1	210	26	Washington St.
67	Sharpe, Luis	T	6-5	295	32	UCLA
52	Small, Jessie	LB	6-3	240	26	Eastern Kentucky
61	Smith, Lance	G	6-3	290	29	LSU
69	Smith, Vernice	OL	6-3	298	27	Florida A&M
90	Stowe, Tyrone	LB	6-1	249	27	Rutgers
98	Swann, Eric	DL	6-4	310	22	No College
27	Taylor, Jay	CB	5-10	175	25	San Jose St.
34	Thompson, Anthony	RB	6-0	210	25	Indiana
74	Villa, Danny	G	6-5	305	28	Arizona State
66	Wahler, Jim	NG	6-4	275	26	UCLA
35	Williams, Aeneas	CB	5-10	187	23	Southern U.
60	Williams, Willie	T	6-6	300	25	LSU
68	Wolf, Joe	G	6-6	295	26	Boston College
92	Wright, Willie	LB	6-4	239	24	Wyoming
38	Zordich, Michael	FS	6-1	200	29	Penn State

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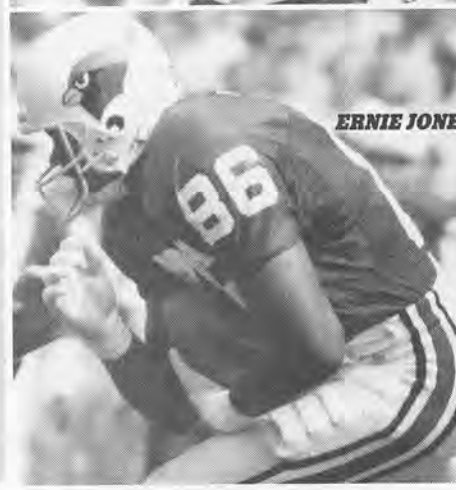
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4	Bankston, Michael	NT	6-1	285	Sam Houston St.
6	Brauninger, Brian	OT	6-5	279	Oklahoma
7	Ware, Derek	TE	6-2	245	Central St. (OK)
8	Blount, Eric	WR	5-9	192	North Carolina
9	Henson, David	NT	6-2	280	Arkansas Central
9	Williams, Tyrone	WR	6-5	207	Western Ontario
10	Yarbrough, Reggie	FB	6-1	215	Fullerton State
11	Baxley, Robert	OT	6-5	285	Iowa
12	Wilson, Lance	NT	6-2	265	Texas



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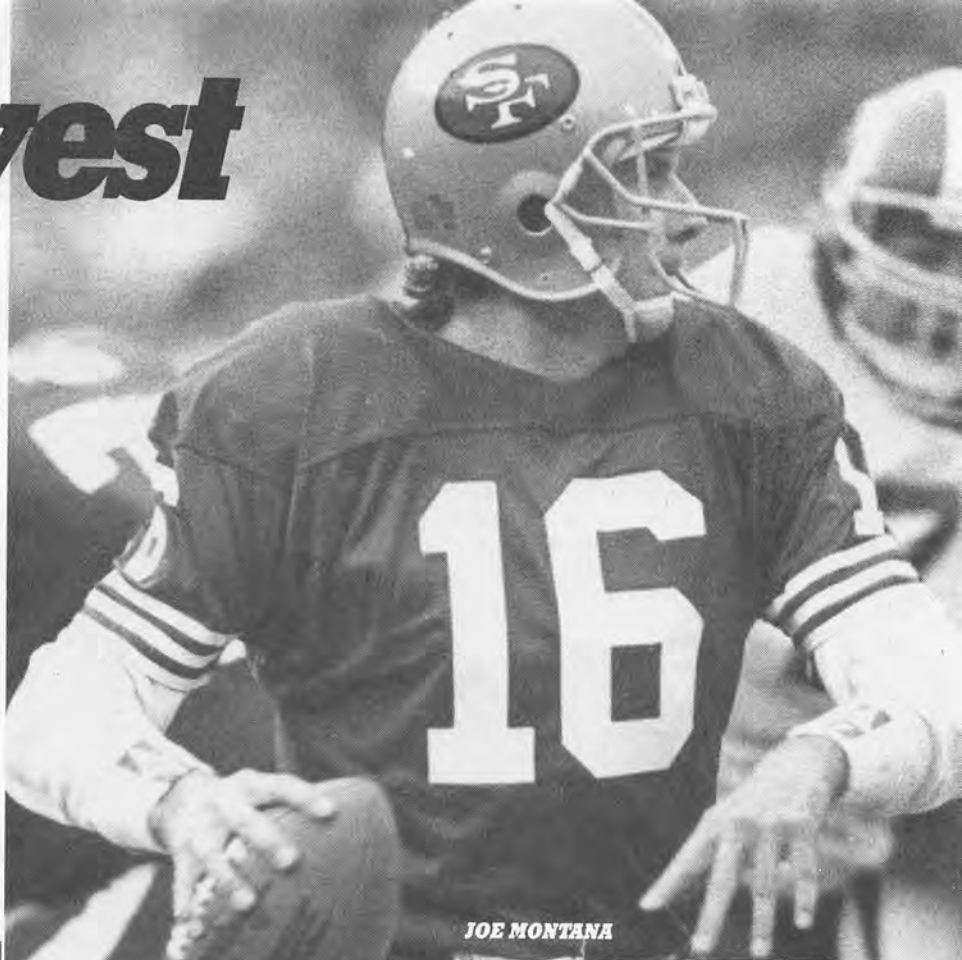
# NFC West

## SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

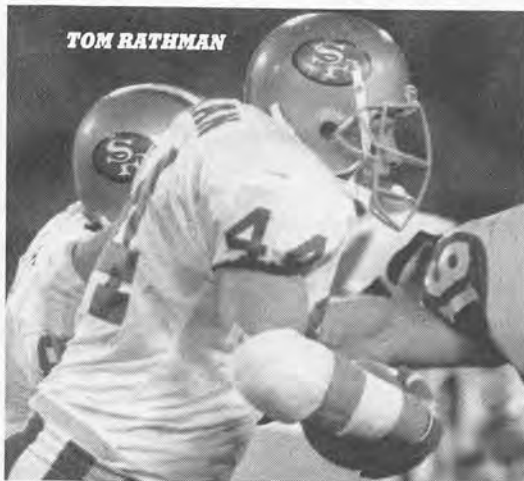
When Joe Montana first tested his surgical throwing elbow in public before the draft in April, 38 reporters and a photographer from Japan watched. Montana's elbow is the most important joint in San Francisco. Without it, the 49er faithful were unable to raise toasts to last year's team, which failed to make the playoffs for the first time since 1982.

Despite other injuries and unrest, the 49ers finished fast, winning their last six, including a resounding 52-14 victory over the playoff-bound Bears. The string included victories over two other playoff teams, the Saints and Chiefs. The cost was steep. Coach George Seifert lost offensive coordinator Mike Holmgren to the Green Bay Packers and Holmgren took assistants Sherman Lewis and Ray Rhodes with him. The second-round draft choice the 49ers extracted from the Packers cannot coach. The resulting shuffle among offensive assistants means only line coach Bobb McKittrick will have the same responsibilities as last year. Seifert brought in Mike Shanahan from Denver to run an offense that Montana and backups Steve Young and Steve Bono know like the palms of their hands.

It is a system that requires little revamping. In Montana's absence, Young and Bono fin-



JOE MONTANA



TOM RATHMAN



JERRY RICE

ished first and fourth, respectively, among league passers, a tribute to the offense. If Montana is healthy, the 49ers will challenge for another Super Bowl trip. At 36, he has missed 33 starts since 1986 because of injury. But he remains without peer when he's on the field. Considering his past experience with bouncing back strong from injury, Montana is no doubt poised for another memorable season. Taking no chances, the 49ers refused to ship out Young during the draft despite the surprising performance of Bono and the promise of young Bill Musgrave. Instead, they will wait until they are certain their own cupboard is full at the most important position.

The quarterbacks still have the best tandem of wide receivers in football in Jerry Rice and John Taylor, the best friends of any offensive system. Rice is a lock to become the all-time leading scorer among wide receivers this season. He has 93 touchdown catches to trail

### FORTY-NINERS 1991 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Cofey, 91 points on 49 extra points and 14 field goals... 8th  
RUSHING—Henderson, 561 yards on 137 carries, 4.1 avg., 2TDs... 12th  
PASSING—Young, 180 of 279 attempts for 2,517 yards and 17 TDs... 1st  
RECEIVING—Rice, 80 receptions for 1,206 yards, 15.1 avg., 14 TDs... 3rd  
INTERCEPTIONS—Waymer, 4 for 77 yards, 19.3 average... 13th  
PUNTING—Prokop, 40 punts, 38.5 avg., longest 58 yards... 13th  
PUNT RETURNS—Taylor, 31 for 267 yards, 8.6 average... 8th  
KICKOFF RETURNS—Carter, 37 for 839 yards, 22.7 avg., 1 TD... 4th  
SACKS—Haley, 7.0 sacks... 11th

### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	3	DENVER (N)
	8	Los Angeles Raiders (N)
	16	Washington at London, England
	21	At San Diego (N)
	28	SEATTLE (N)

### 1992 SCHEDULE

		1991 SCORES
September	6	At New York Giants... 14-16
	13	BUFFALO... —
	20	At New York Jets... —
	27	At New Orleans (N)... 3-10
October	4	LOS ANGELES RAMS... 27-10
	11	At New England... —
	18	ATLANTA... 34-39
	25	OPEN DATE... —
November	1	At Phoenix... 14-10
	9	At Atlanta (N)... 14-17
	15	NEW ORLEANS... 38-24
	22	At Los Angeles Rams... 33-10
	29	PHILADELPHIA... 23-7
December	6	MIAMI... —
	13	At Minnesota... 14-17
	19	TAMPA BAY... —
	28	DETROIT (N)... 35-3

only Steve Largent (100) and Don Hutson (99). Only an off year would prevent his ascension to the top. Taylor remains the greatest "second fiddle" since John Stallworth, a primary target in his own right. Taylor is more dangerous than Rice after the catch. Mike Sherrard is the third receiver and the 49ers



welcome the return of Ron Lewis from injured reserve and the addition of Odessa Turner from the Giants' Plan B roster. At tight end, Brent Jones is the primary receiver and Jamie Williams the primary blocker.

Replacing running back Roger Craig and safety Ronnie Lott is an ongoing project for the 49ers, as their draft of Washington safety Dana Hall in the first round and Florida State runner Amp Lee in the second indicates.

Lee will get a good chance to start at running back, where small Dexter Carter starts and injury-riddled Keith Henderson led the club with 561 yards. Between them, Carter and Henderson lost an unacceptable eight fumbles, so last year's injured rookies, Ricky Watters and Sheldon Canley, plus Plan B pickup Marc Logan from Miami, all will get a shot to start. At fullback Tom Rathman is the top blocker, but he averaged only 2.9 yards per rush, perhaps because no one returned the favor. Harry Sydney is a reliable backup.

On the offensive line, the 49ers are dangerously thin at tackle, where Steve Wallace and Harris Barton are backed by Harry Boatwain, who spent his rookie season on IR with a back injury, and guard-tackle Tom Neville. Guards Guy McIntyre and Roy Foster will get help from Plan B addition Ralph Tamm from Cincinnati and third-round draft choice Brian Bollinger, who could eventually push the veteran Foster out of a job. Jesse Sapolu is the center, with Tamm slated to compete with backup Chuck Thomas.

Replacing Lott at safety became an even greater priority than replacing Craig at run-

ning back after the 49ers lost Dave Waymer on Plan B to the Raiders. Unhappy with starter Todd Bowles and backups Johnny Jackson and David Whitmore, the 49ers may have all new faces in the middle of the secondary. Hall is a big hitter who played cornerback, but he is expected to push Bowles out at free safety. Waymer's replacement is Plan B acquisition Thane Gash from Cleveland, another big hitter who is recovering from a freak neck injury suffered in the Browns' weight room. The 49ers also landed Derrick Crudup from the Raiders

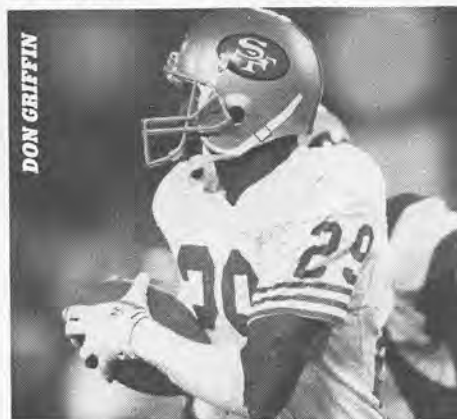
on Plan B. He could compete for playing time at Lott's old position. The situation is so shaky at safety that the 49ers traded up in the sixth round of the draft just to land another body, Pitt's Damien Russell.

At cornerback, right-side starter Don Griffin is the only solid returner on the team. Darryl Pollard and Eric Davis are coming back from injuries that knocked them out of last season to challenge Merton Hanks on the right side. Manny Hendrix is a Plan B pickup from Dallas and Kevin Lewis is a third-year prospect.

The front seven is slightly more settled, but not as solid as a defense ranked sixth in the league might seem. Pass-rush specialists Charles Haley and Tim Harris are both entering uncertain years. Haley is coming off rotator cuff surgery that will keep him out of action for some time. Harris is coming off a battle with alcohol abuse that may result in a suspension. Kevin Fagan returns from a knee problem that ended his season prematurely. He and Pierce Holt are the starting ends who do double duty against the run and pass. Nose tackle Michael Carter is back and relatively healthy. Larry Roberts is the pass-rush end and Dennis Brown and Ted Washington are 300-pound additions to the rotation that gives coordinator Bill McPherson a fresh change of pace. The 49ers collect defensive linemen to fit their frequent-substitution scheme. This year's addition is Mark Thomas, a fourth-rounder.

The 49ers need either Haley or Harris or both healthy and available to mount the kind of consistent pass rush required of any contender. Inside linebackers Steve DeLong and Mike Walter get help from Plan B addition Mike Reichenbach from Miami. The 49ers are also high on Darvin Jordan and have Mitch Donahue back for his second season inside. Right-side backer Bill Romanowski finished second to Waymer in tackles last year after leading the club the year before.

Mike Cofer had a bad year in the place-kicking department, connecting on just half of



his 28 field-goal attempts. Yet the club took no steps to replace him. Punter Joe Prokop is a well-traveled free agent. The 49ers drafted Colorado quarterback Darian Hagan to help Dexter Carter return kickoffs in the absence of Plan B defector Spencer Tillman. Taylor wouldn't mind more help in returning punts.

## 49ERS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
49	Asman, Scott	TE	6-4	245	23	West Chester
79	Barton, Harris	DL	6-4	280	28	North Carolina
65	Boatswain, Harry	T	6-4	295	23	New Haven
13	Bono, Steve	QB	6-4	215	30	UCLA
22	Bowles, Todd	S	6-2	205	29	Temple
96	Brown, Dennis	DE	6-4	290	25	Washington
64	Burt, Jim	NT	6-1	270	33	Miami
20	Canley, Sheldon	RB	5-9	195	24	San Jose State
35	Carter, Dexter	RB	5-9	170	25	Florida State
95	Carter, Michael	NT	6-2	285	32	SMU
6	Cofer, Mike	K	6-1	160	28	N.C. State
27	Crudup, Derrick	S	6-3	219	27	Oklahoma
25	Davis, Eric	CB	5-11	178	24	Jacksonville St.
59	DeLong, Keith	LB	6-2	235	25	Tennessee
66	Dickson, Joel	DE	6-3	280	26	California
54	Donahue, Mitch	LB	6-2	254	24	Wyoming
75	Fagan, Kevin	DE	6-3	260	29	Miami
67	Foster, Roy	G	6-2	290	32	Southern Cal
31	Gash, Thane	S	5-11	198	27	E. Tennessee St.
98	Goss, Antonio	LB	6-4	228	26	North Carolina
29	Griffin, Don	CB	6-0	176	28	Middle Tenn. St.
93	Haggins, Odell	NT	6-2	275	25	Florida State
94	Haley, Charles	LB-DE	6-5	230	28	James Madison
63	Hamel, Dean	DE	6-3	291	31	Tulsa
36	Hanks, Merton	CB	6-2	185	24	Iowa
92	Harris, Tim	LB-DE	6-6	258	28	Memphis State
56	Harrison, Martin	LB	6-5	240	25	Washington
5	Halcher, Dale	P	6-2	230	29	Clemson
30	Henderson, Keith	FB	6-1	220	26	Georgia
47	Hendrix, Manly	CB	5-10	188	28	Utah
78	Holt, Pierce	DE	6-4	280	30	Angelo State
40	Jackson, Johnnie	S	6-1	204	25	Houston
55	Johnson, John	LB	6-3	230	24	Clemson
84	Jones, Brent	TE	6-4	230	29	Santa Clara
90	Jordan, Darvin	LB	6-2	245	28	Northeastern
10	Keen, Robbie	P-K	6-4	225	24	California
21	Kyles, Troy	WR	6-1	185	24	Howard
45	Lewis, Kevin	CB	5-11	173	26	NW La.
83	Lewis, Ron	WR	5-11	173	24	Florida State
43	Logan, Marc	RB	6-0	212	27	Kentucky
62	McIntyre, Guy	G	6-3	265	31	Georgia
16	Montana, Joe	QB	6-2	195	36	Notre Dame
14	Musgrave, Bill	QB	6-2	196	25	Oregon
69	Neville, Tom	G	6-5	298	31	Fresno State
26	Pollard, Darryl	CB	5-11	187	28	Weber State
4	Prokop, Joe	P	6-2	225	32	Cal Poly-Pomona
44	Rathman, Tom	FB	6-1	232	30	Nebraska
52	Reichenbach, Mike	LB	6-2	240	31	East Stroudsburg
69	Renna, Mike	DE	6-4	270	25	Delaware
80	Rice, Jerry	WR	6-2	200	30	Miss. Valley St.
91	Roberts, Larry	DE	6-3	275	29	Alabama
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24	Sydney, Harry	FB	6-0	217	33	Kansas
64	Tamm, Ralph	OL	6-4	280	26	West Chester
82	Taylor, John	WR	6-1	185	30	Delaware State
60	Thomas, Chuck	C	6-3	280	32	Oklahoma
32	Thomas, Rodney	CB	5-11	185	27	BYU
38	Toney, Anthony	RB	6-0	233	30	Texas A&M
23	Turner, Odessa	WR	6-3	215	28	NW La.
28	Walker, Adam	RB	6-1	210	24	Pittsburgh
74	Wallace, Steve	T	6-5	276	28	Auburn
89	Walls, Wesley	TE	6-5	246	26	Mississippi
99	Walter, Mike	LB	6-3	238	32	Oregon
97	Washington, Ted	DL	6-4	299	24	Louisville
32	Watters, Ricky	RB	6-1	212	23	Notre Dame
41	Whitmore, David	S	6-0	235	25	Stephen F. Austin
48	Wilbourn, Shawn	CB	6-3	210	25	Long Beach State
81	Williams, Jamie	TE	6-4	245	32	Nebraska
8	Young, Steve	QB	6-2	200	31	BYU

## DRAFTES

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2	Lee, Amp	RB	5-11	200	Florida St.
3	Bollinger, Brian	G	6-5	285	North Carolina
4	Thomas, Mark	DE	6-5	259	N.C. State
6	Russell, Damien	S	6-1	201	Virginia Tech
9	Hagan, Darian	QB	5-9	191	Colorado
10	Mayfield, Corey	NT	6-2	280	Oklahoma
11	Covington, Tom	TE	6-3	241	Georgia Tech
12	LaBounty, Matt	DE	6-4	254	Oregon

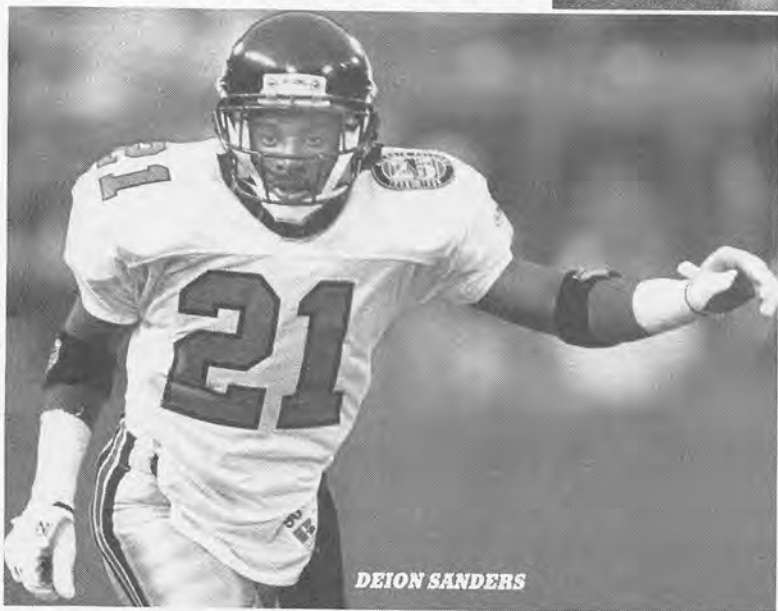


# NFC West ATLANTA FALCONS

Coach Jerry Glanville collects old cars and No. 1 draft choices. At the end of the latest draft, the Falcons had 15 No. 1 picks on their roster, more than any other team. On offense, Glanville had 10 No. 1 draftees, more than enough to reload the Red Gun. With three wide receivers, three tackles, a guard, a quarterback, and two running backs all No. 1 draft choices, the Falcons have assembled an embarrassment of offensive riches for coordinator June Jones. Already the fifth-highest scoring team in the league, the Falcons are subscribing to the theory that the best defense is a good offense. With two No. 1 choices in the last draft, the Falcons ignored an obvious need on defense to take tackle Bob Whitfield and running back Tony Smith. The defense, 24th overall and 23rd against the run, will have to wait its turn.

Although the future of his own race-driving career is suspect, Glanville appears to have his club on the right track. On the road, they were particularly impressive last season, beating every NFC West Division rival at their home parks. Glanville knows the key to controlling any division is winning on the road. While the Falcons fell short of the Western title, they beat division winner New Orleans twice

CHRIS MILLER

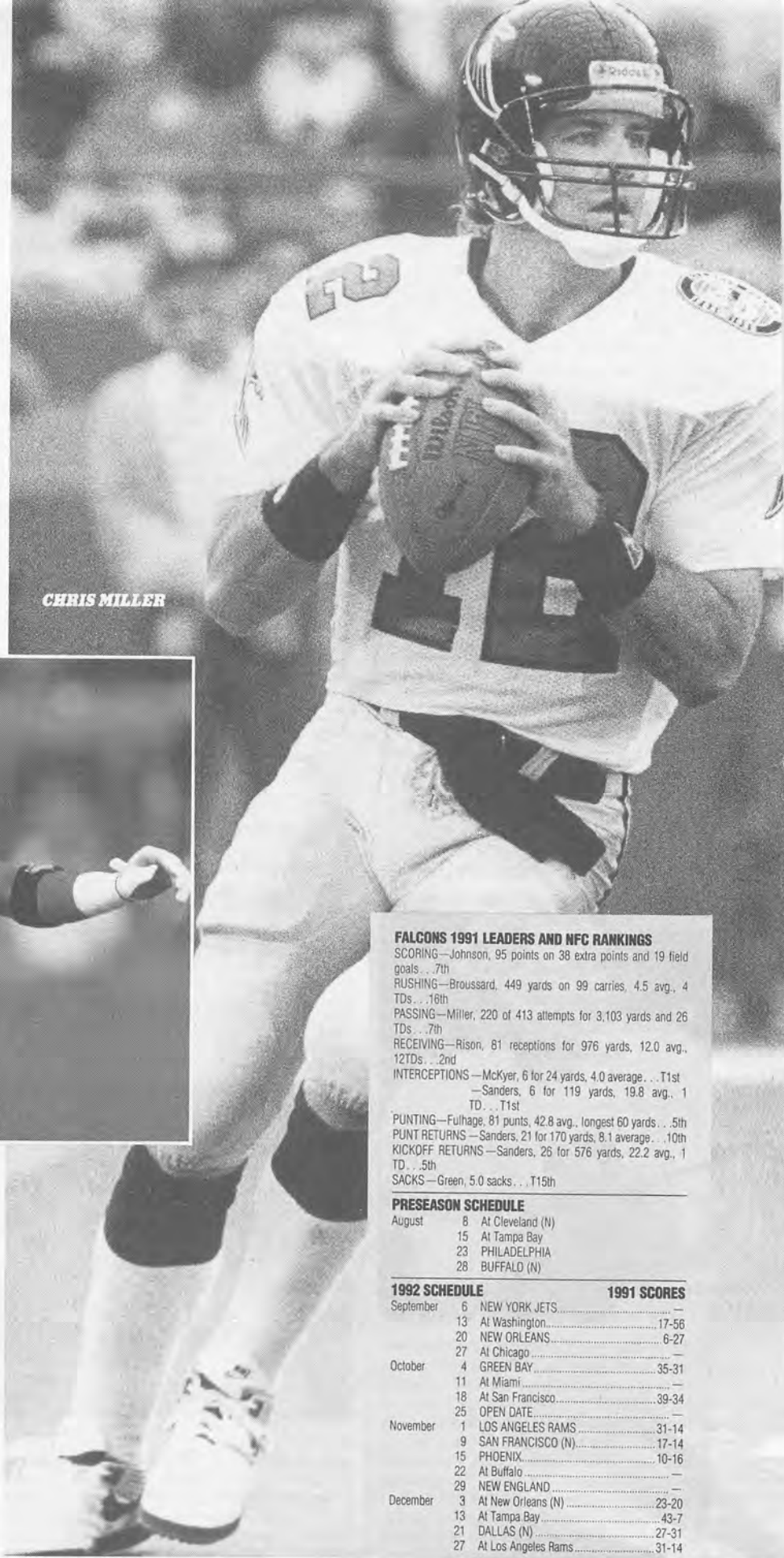


DEION SANDERS

in the Superdome within six weeks, including the playoff opener.

The newfound confidence on the road will be supplemented this year when the Falcons move into their new home, the Georgia Dome. The memory of losing in the mud and rain to the Redskins in Washington's RFK Stadium in the NFC divisional playoffs will be incentive enough to gain home-field advantage this time around.

Quarterback Chris Miller enjoyed his best season and is surrounded with talent again, including a running back in Smith, who is expected to carry the load. Former No. 1 pick Steve Broussard has not been healthy enough to become a workhorse. Second-year man Eric Pegram needs more experience in picking up blitzes and injured returnee Keith Jones remains a factor. Miller came into his own by throwing 20 touchdown passes and only six interceptions over the final nine games for a



## FALCONS 1991 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Johnson, 95 points on 38 extra points and 19 field goals . . . 7th  
 RUSHING—Broussard, 449 yards on 99 carries, 4.5 avg., 4 TDs . . . 18th  
 PASSING—Miller, 220 of 413 attempts for 3,103 yards and 26 TDs . . . 7th  
 RECEIVING—Rison, 81 receptions for 976 yards, 12.0 avg., 12 TDs . . . 2nd  
 INTERCEPTIONS—McKyer, 6 for 24 yards, 4.0 average . . . T1st  
 —Sanders, 6 for 119 yards, 19.8 avg., 1 TD . . . T1st  
 PUNTING—Fulhage, 81 punts, 42.8 avg., longest 60 yards . . . 5th  
 PUNT RETURNS—Sanders, 21 for 170 yards, 8.1 average . . . 10th  
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Sanders, 26 for 576 yards, 22.2 avg., 1 TD . . . 5th  
 SACKS—Green, 5.0 sacks . . . T15th

## PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 8 At Cleveland (N)  
 15 At Tampa Bay  
 23 PHILADELPHIA  
 28 BUFFALO (N)

1992 SCHEDULE		1991 SCORES
September	6 NEW YORK JETS	17-56
	13 At Washington	6-27
	20 NEW ORLEANS	35-31
	27 At Chicago	39-34
October	4 GREEN BAY	31-14
	11 At Miami	17-14
	18 At San Francisco	10-16
	25 OPEN DATE	
November	1 LOS ANGELES RAMS	23-20
	9 SAN FRANCISCO (N)	43-7
	15 PHOENIX	27-31
	22 At Buffalo	31-14
	29 NEW ENGLAND	
December	3 At New Orleans (N)	
	13 At Tampa Bay	
	21 DALLAS (N)	
	27 At Los Angeles Rams	



passer rating of 103.7. In seven straight games he threw at least two touchdown passes. His improvement was attributed in part to the coaching of Jones, who has more experience in various forms of the run-and-shoot offense than any other assistant in football. Billy Joe Tolliver played well enough in a reserve role to convince the Falcons to trade away young Brett Favre to the Packers. A training camp will help Tolliver pick up nuances of the Red Gun.

The Falcons are so loaded at receiver they have many options in stocking up for future drafts. Top threat Andre Rison caught 81 passes and set a league record for most receptions by a wide receiver in his first three years: 215. But Michael Haynes came into his own with a league-leading average per catch of 22.4 yards. Rookie Mike Pritchard matched Haynes's 50 catches. Rison and Pritchard are No. 1 picks and former No. 1 pick Shawn Collins can't find an opening. Speedy George Thomas got plenty of competition when the Falcons raided the Plan B market and landed Houston receivers Drew Hill and Tony Jones and regained James Milling from the Giants.

The offensive line includes No. 1 tackles Mike Kenn and Chris Hinton and No. 1 guard Bill Fralic. Whitfield is the heir apparent to Kenn, who is 36 and keeps getting better. Left guard Houston Hoover and Fralic both have shaky knees, so the Falcons added Roman Fortin from Detroit's Plan B list to compete with Reggie Redding, Mike Ruether, and Joe Sims at the backup spots. Jamie Dukes is developing into one of the best centers in the league.

On defense, the Falcons are casting wary eyes at baseball and the uncertain futures of cornerback Deion Sanders and safety Brian Jordan. Both were starting outfielders on the Braves and Cardinals, respectively, when the Falcons drafted. But the Falcons waited until the fourth round to take a backup, Baylor's Frankie Smith.

The question marks in the secondary are vital because the Falcons need help in the front seven in order to become serious contenders. Tennessee linebacker Chuck Smith, a second-rounder, will find immediate employment if he can rush the passer the way he did in college. The Falcons managed only 29 sacks last season and finally gave up on their 1988 No. 1 draft choice, Aundray Bruce. Right end and nickel tackle Tim Green led the team

in sacks with five on the lightest front in the league. Left end Mike Gann is recovering from disk surgery and was replaced by Rick Bryan, like Green a former No. 1 pick. Rookie Moe Gardner led the club in quarterback hurries after beating out Tory Epps. Oliver Barnett needs to step up in his third season, but he has only one sack in his first two on a defense desperate for pass rushers.

If improvement in the rush comes, it will have to be from the linebacking corps. The Falcons brought in rush specialist Brett Faryniarz from the Rams' Plan B list and signed Brian Forde from New Orleans, where he was frustrated playing behind Pro Bowlers. The Falcons protected only two of their four linebacker starters: right outside Darion Conner and left inside Jessie Tuggle. According to Falcon statistics, Tuggle has led the league in tackles for two years and also plays in nickel coverages. Third-round draft pick Howard Dinkins will get a chance to start along with Smith, who will push left linebacker Robert Lyles. Michael Reid is also a factor outside if he recovers from a serious knee injury. Conner could be moved inside to take advantage of his strength. He had only three sacks last year and 14 quarterback pressures.

Cornerbacks Sanders and Tim McKyer gave the Falcons the most dangerous pair of coverage men in the league. But even though they shared the NFC lead with six interceptions apiece, the Falcons gave up a league-high 28 touchdown passes, proving that a good secondary is not always enough. Bruce Pickens, like Sanders a No. 1, is expected to produce after a washout rookie year as the last first-rounder to sign. Bobby Butler, another former No. 1, may prove too valuable to ignore if Sanders stays with baseball. McKyer's contribution is obvious: The 49ers, Dolphins, and Falcons all made the playoffs



**JERRY GLANVILLE**

#### FALCONS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	college
48	Ashe, Richard	TE	6-4	260	Humboldt St.
72	Barnett, Oliver	DT	6-3	285	Kentucky
33	Bratton, Melvin	RB	6-1	225	Miami
34	Broussard, Steve	RB	5-7	201	Washington St.
77	Bryan, Rick	DE	6-4	265	Oklahoma
63	Buddenberg, John	G	6-6	270	Akron
23	Butler, Bobby	CB	5-11	175	Florida State
25	Case, Scott	DE	6-1	188	Oklahoma
85	Collins, Shawn	WR	6-2	204	N. Arizona
56	Conner, Darion	LB	6-2	250	Jackson State
42	Donaldson, Jeff	S	6-0	190	Colorado
64	Dukes, Jamie	C	6-1	285	Florida State
32	Eaton, Tracey	S	6-1	195	Portland State
74	Epps, Tory	NT	6-0	270	Memphis State
51	Faryniarz, Brett	LB	6-3	235	San Diego St.
53	Forde, Brian	LB	6-3	235	Washington St.
68	Fortin, Roman	G	6-5	270	San Diego St.
79	Fralic, Bill	G	6-5	280	Pittsburgh
17	Fulhage, Scott	P	6-0	193	Kansas State
76	Gann, Mike	DE	6-5	270	Notre Dame
67	Gardner, Moe	NT	6-2	258	Illinois
99	Green, Tim	DE	6-2	245	Syracuse
98	Hamilton, Darrell	T	6-5	298	North Carolina
81	Haynes, Michael	WR	6-0	180	N. Arizona
86	Hill, Drew	WR	5-9	172	Georgia Tech
75	Hinton, Chris	T	6-4	300	Northwestern
69	Hoover, Houston	G	6-2	295	Jackson State
24	Johnson, Michael	WR	6-0	190	Sacramento St.
9	Johnson, Norm	K	6-2	203	UCIA
38	Jones, Keith	RB	6-1	210	Illinois
83	Jones, Tony	WR	5-7	145	Texas
40	Jordan, Brian	S	6-1	205	Richmond
78	Kenn, Mike	T	6-7	280	Michigan
88	Le Bel, Harper	TE	6-4	245	Colorado State
54	Lyles, Robert	LB	6-1	230	TCU
22	McKyer, Tim	CB	6-0	174	Texas-Arlington
12	Miller, Chris	DB	6-2	205	Oregon
84	Miller, Karl	WR	5-10	183	Georgia Southern
87	Milling, James	WR	5-9	160	Maryland
26	Oliver, Bobby	WR	5-11	160	Ohio State
41	Pegram, Ernie	RB	5-9	188	N. Texas St.
82	Phillips, Jason	WR	5-7	168	Houston
39	Pickens, Bruce	CB	5-11	190	Nebraska
35	Pritchard, Mike	WR	5-11	180	Colorado
59	Rade, John	LB	6-1	240	Boise State
	Redding, Reggie	T	6-3	281	Cal-Fullerton
95	Reid, Michael	LB	6-2	235	Wisconsin
80	Rison, Andre	WR	6-0	188	Michigan State
55	Ruether, Mike	C	6-4	286	Texas
94	Saddler, Rod	DE	6-5	280	Texas A&M
21	Sanders, Deion	CB	6-0	185	Florida State
37	Shelley, Elbert	CB	5-11	185	Arkansas St.
66	Sims, Joe	T	6-3	294	Nebraska
71	Smith, Sean	DE	6-7	280	Georgia Tech
89	Thomas, George	WR	5-9	169	UNLV
52	Tippins, Ken	LB	6-1	230	Middle Tenn. St.
11	Tolliver, Billy Joe	DB	6-1	218	Texas Tech
96	Truitt, Leroy	T	6-3	308	Houston
58	Tuggle, Jessie	LB	5-11	230	Valdosta St.
92	Zawatsch, Dave	OL	6-5	288	California

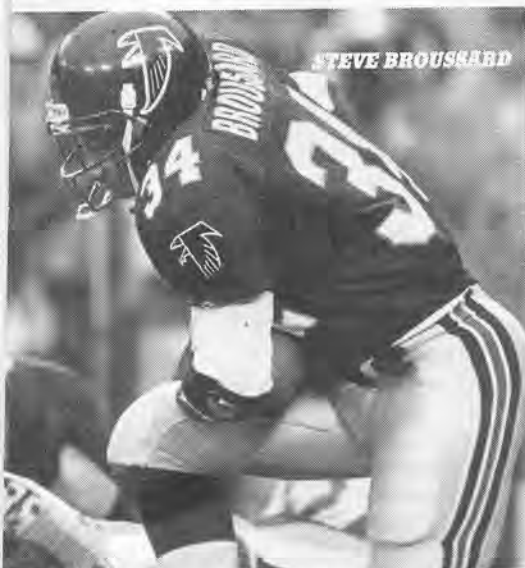
#### DRAFTTEES

rd.	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Whitfield, Bob	OT	6-5	291	Stanford
1	Smith, Tony	RB	6-1	214	Southern Miss
2	Smith, Chuck	LB	6-2	242	Tennessee
3	Dinkins, Howard	LB	6-1	223	Florida State
4	Smith, Frankie	CB	5-9	177	Baylor
6	Ray, Terry	S	6-1	187	Oklahoma
7	Paulk, Tim	LB	6-1	229	Florida
8	Moore, Derrick	RB	6-1	227	NE Oklahoma
8	Dwight, Reggie	TE	6-4	266	Troy State
9	Alex, Keith	OL	6-4	312	Texas A&M
10	Hardy, Darryl	LB	6-2	220	Texas
11	Jones, Robin	DE	6-2	266	Baylor



with him, failed to make the playoffs without him. Elbert Shelley could compete at the nickel corner spot. Inside, Jordan proved tough at strong safety and Scott Case was adequate at free safety. Case and Jordan were 2-3 in tackles but were burned in deep middle coverages and must improve. Jeff Donaldson and Tracey Eaton are backups.

Place-kicker Norm Johnson joined the club from Seattle and came through on 19 of 23 field goals, including all 13 under 40 yards. He will enjoy the indoors. The punter is Scott Fulhage and Sanders returns punts and kickoffs when opposing teams have the guts to kick to him. The Falcons' main concern is that Sanders returns, period.

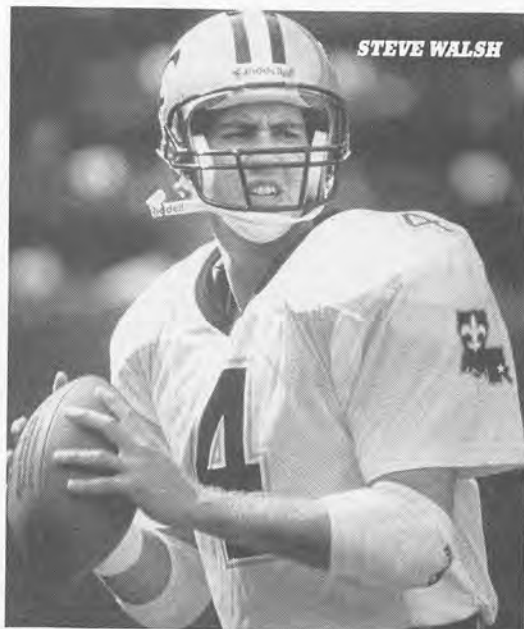




## NFC West NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Never a franchise in a hurry, the Saints seem stuck in neutral again. For 20 years, they never made the playoffs. For the last five, they made them three times but haven't won a game. Getting from one level to the next takes inordinate time for this team. No sooner had they celebrated their silver anniversary with their first NFC West championship than the party was ruined by the archrival Falcons, who ousted them in the Superdome in the wild-card opener.

Losing twice to the Falcons at home in the final six weeks is a memory the Saints cannot easily cast aside. Until coach Jim Mora can coax the first playoff victory from this team, the question remains whether he and his competent staff have taken the Saints' talent as far as it can go. The answer awaits with all due speed, and speed is the one missing ingredient in any comparison with the Falcons. The Saints are not a fast team. Despite their title, they seem to be chasing the runner-up.

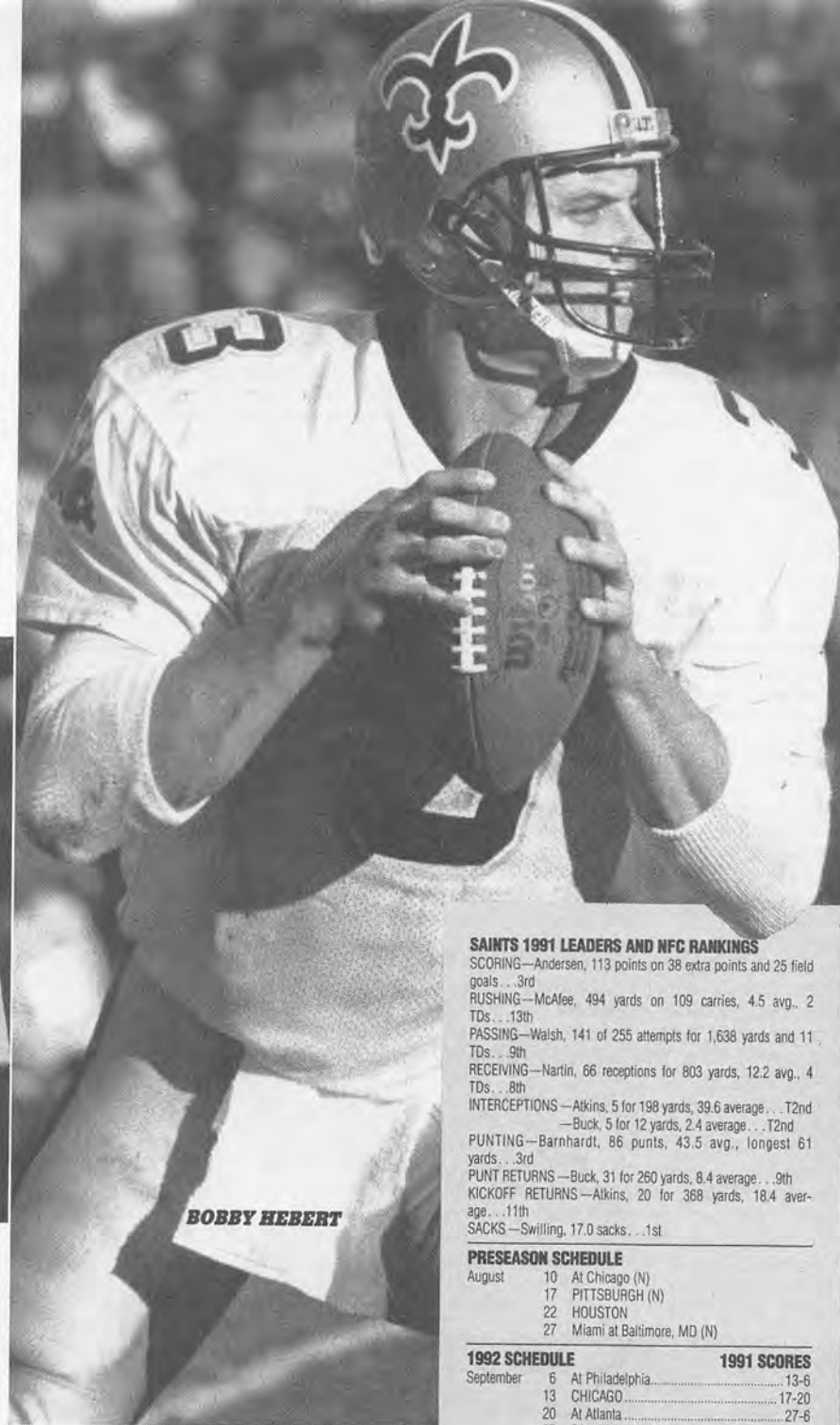


STEVE WALSH

Dratting Indiana running back Vaughn Dunbar No. 1 filled a big need in a vital area. Everything the Saints do on offense and much of their defensive success stems from a solid and effective running game. Battered by injury, defection, and suspension, the running game has suffered the last two years. Dunbar will provide an instant boost. Reliable and durable, he lacks only breakaway speed.

Injuries limited the Saints last season and contributed to a roller-coaster experience. After a 9-1 start, the Saints lost four in a row before rallying to win the division, only to lose to the Falcons. At least half a dozen starters, including both cornerbacks, finished the year on the injured reserve list, and quarterback Bobby Hebert was playing with a throwing shoulder so sore he could barely practice. Considering the adversity, the Saints had good reason to celebrate. Still, the long-suffering fans want more.

Hebert's return after a year off in a contract dispute produced a record of 9-2 when he was able to start. The Saints were 2-3 with Steve Walsh starting, but Walsh has proved a valuable backup despite limitations in arm



BOBBY HEBERT

strength. His 11 touchdown passes were two more than Hebert threw. Third-stringer Mike Buck is promising but still untested. At 32, Hebert remains the key to the future.

Dunbar must solidify a running game that often was up in the air. After the one-year retirement of Rueben Mayes, who was shipped to Seattle during the draft, and the knee injury to Dalton Hilliard, the Saints were left with Ironhead Heyward and Gill Fenerty. After Heyward went down and was later suspended, rookie Fred McAfee was thrown into the fire. He performed well except for some untimely fumbles. Heyward's future will remain in doubt until he can control his weight (around 300) and prove dependable. Spectacular when he's healthy and happy, he is the best lead

### SAINTS 1991 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Andersen, 113 points on 38 extra points and 25 field goals . . . 3rd  
RUSHING—McAfee, 494 yards on 109 carries, 4.5 avg., 2 TDs . . . 13th  
PASSING—Walsh, 141 of 255 attempts for 1,638 yards and 11 TDs . . . 9th  
RECEIVING—Nartin, 66 receptions for 803 yards, 12.2 avg., 4 TDs . . . 8th  
INTERCEPTIONS—Atkins, 5 for 198 yards, 39.6 average . . . T2nd  
—Buck, 5 for 12 yards, 2.4 average . . . T2nd  
PUNTING—Barnhardt, 86 punts, 43.5 avg., longest 61 yards . . . 3rd  
PUNT RETURNS—Buck, 31 for 260 yards, 8.4 average . . . 9th  
KICKOFF RETURNS—Atkins, 20 for 368 yards, 18.4 average . . . 11th  
SACKS—Swilling, 17.0 sacks . . . 1st

### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 10 At Chicago (N)  
17 PITTSBURGH (N)  
22 HOUSTON  
27 Miami at Baltimore, MD (N)

### 1992 SCHEDULE

1992 SCHEDULE	1991 SCORES
September 6 At Philadelphia . . . . .	13-6
13 CHICAGO . . . . .	17-20
20 At Atlanta . . . . .	27-6
27 SAN FRANCISCO (N) . . . . .	10-3
October 4 At Detroit . . . . .	—
11 LOS ANGELES RAMS (N) . . . . .	24-7
18 At Phoenix . . . . .	27-3
25 OPEN DATE . . . . .	—
November 1 TAMPA BAY . . . . .	23-7
8 At New England . . . . .	—
15 At San Francisco . . . . .	24-38
23 WASHINGTON (N) . . . . .	—
29 MIAMI . . . . .	—
December 3 ATLANTA (N) . . . . .	20-23
10 At Los Angeles Rams . . . . .	24-17
13 BUFFALO . . . . .	—
26 At New York Jets . . . . .	—

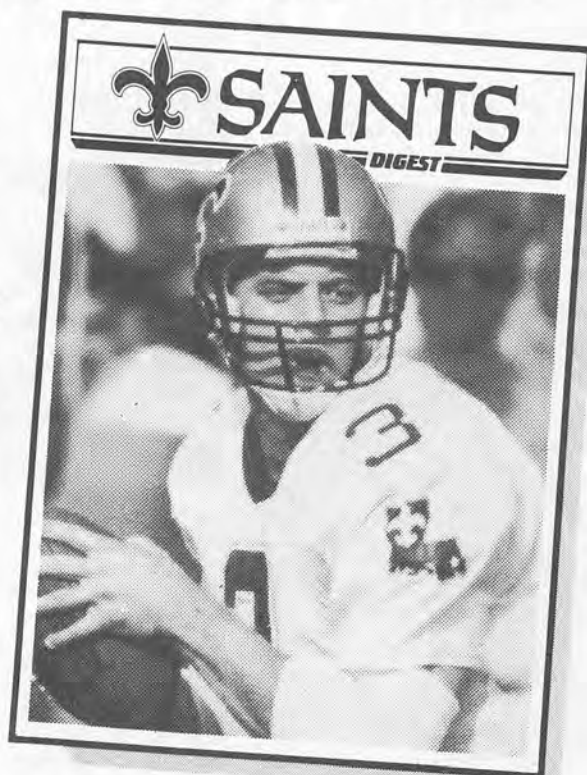
blocker in football and fast enough to be a feature back. The Saints traded to acquire Allen Pinkett from the Oilers and veteran full-back Buford Jordan remains on the roster.

At receiver, the development of Floyd Turner was a pleasant surprise. His eight



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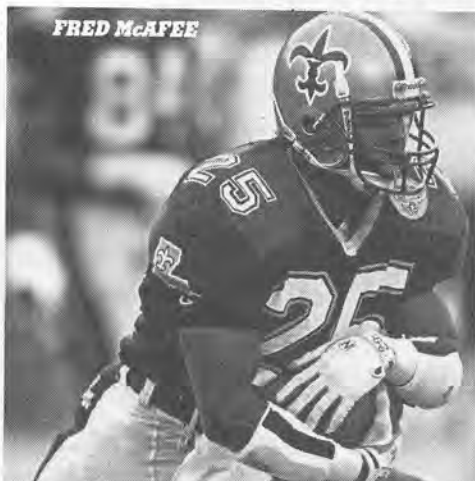
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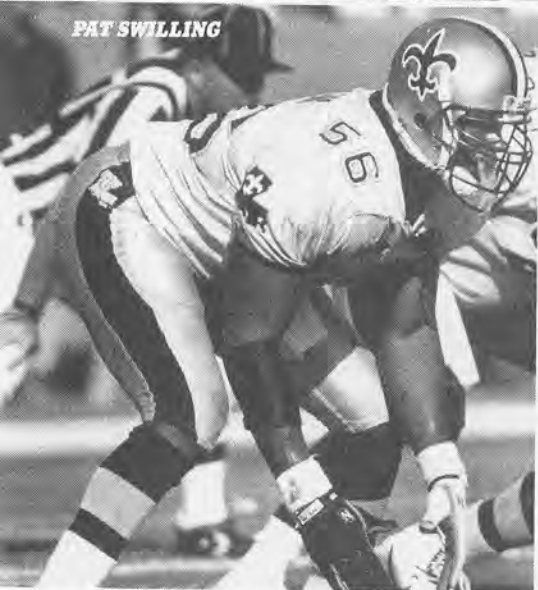
touchdowns doubled everyone else on the team and his 64 catches were only two short of perennial team leader Eric Martin. Quinn Early proved a capable contributor when healthy and second-year man Wesley Carroll should add quickness with experience. Patrick Newman and fifth-rounder Torrance Small are reserves. Tight ends Hoby Brenner and John Tice, backed by Greg Scales and Frank Wainright, are primarily third tackles who contribute more to the running attack than to the passing game.

The return of injured guards Derek Kennard and Steve Trapilo and injured tackle Kevin Haverdink will bolster the offensive line. Haverdink was replaced by Richard Cooper, who will probably stay at the position unless there is no room at left guard for ex-tackle Jim Dombrowski. Right guard Chris Port played so well in the absence of Trapilo and Kennard that he could end up at tackle. Right tackle

statistics: overall yardage, passing yardage, and rushing yardage. But the Saints led the league in the most important defensive category: points allowed. They gave up only 211, but even that impressive number is misleading. Except for a season-opening win against Seattle, the Saints led every opponent going into the fourth quarter and blew leads in the last minutes in losses to Chicago, Atlanta, and San Diego. They gave up more points in the fourth quarter than in any other, a disturbing development that reflected on the inability of



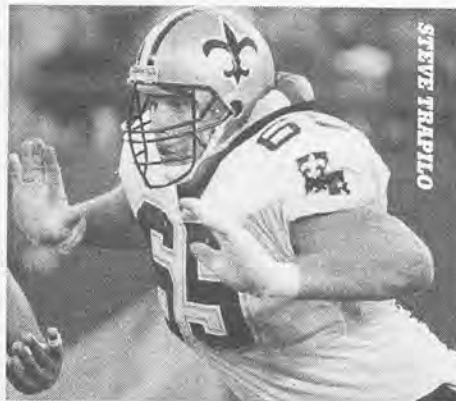
FRED McAFEE



PAT SWILLING

Stan Brock is the team's elder statesman, starting his 14th season. Mike Keim is a back-up tackle. Center Joel Hilgenberg gets brother Jay's Pro Bowl vote every year, even though the Bears' Jay gets the trip. The Saints drafted Notre Dame center Gene McGuire to compete. Plan B pickup Paul Jetton of Cincinnati can play guard or center.

Coordinator Steve Sidwell's defense finished second to the Eagles in the big three



STEVE TRAPILO

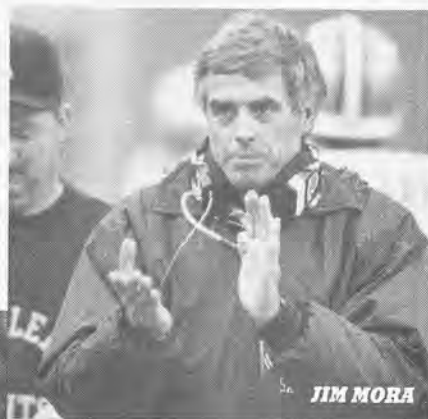
both the offense and defense to make big plays when they were most needed.

Pat Swilling led the league in sacks with 17 and was voted the top defensive player by some, although in New Orleans he didn't get any more accolades than fellow outside linebacker Rickey Jackson or inside linebackers Sam Mills and Vaughan Johnson. Of the four, only Jackson failed to make the Pro Bowl, an oversight by the voters. Jackson had 11½ sacks, ninth in the league. Mills led the club in tackles and Johnson is an every-down player when healthy. They begin their sixth season intact after the Saints matched Detroit's free-agent offer to Swilling.

Swilling's year was aided considerably by the performance of right end Frank Warren, who had seven sacks after coming back from a year's absence on a drug suspension. His return did for the defense what Hebert did for the offense. Left end Wayne Martin continues to develop and nose tackle Jim Wilks defies the odds by playing well despite age (34) and unusual height (6-5) for a nose tackle. Renaldo Turnbull didn't get much action in his second season and hopes to push for more. Les Miller and Pig Goff are reserves in the line and James Williams, Joel Smeenge, and DeMond Winston back up the linebackers.

The health of cornerback Vince Buck is a concern. He is coming off a neck injury. Toi Cook returns from a broken arm and Reggie Jones is a capable nickel back. Third-round draft choice Tyrone Legette is needed. Safeties Brett Maxie and Gene Atkins both enjoyed fine seasons and Atkins showed versatility by filling in at cornerback. Keith Taylor is a Plan B addition from Indianapolis who will lend depth with fourth-rounder Sean Lumpkin.

Place-kicker Morten Andersen's kickoffs are so consistently nonreturnable that the Saints were shocked last season when two were returned for touchdowns. Tommy Barnhardt's 43.5-yard punting average was a career high. The Saints hope McAfee can help them forget the loss of Mel Gray to Plan B three years ago.



JIM MORA

#### SAINTS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
7	Andersen, Morten	K	6-2	221	32	Michigan St.
28	Atkins, Gene	FS	6-1	200	28	Florida A&M
6	Barnhardt, Tommy	P	6-2	207	29	North Carolina
85	Brenner, Hoby	TE	6-5	245	33	Southern Cal
67	Brock, Stan	TE	6-6	278	34	Colorado
16	Buck, Mike	CB	6-3	227	25	Maine
26	Buck, Vince	CB	6-0	198	24	Central St. (OH)
80	Carroll, Wesley	WR	6-0	183	25	Miami
41	Cook, Toi	CB	5-11	188	28	Stanford
71	Cooper, Richard	T	6-5	290	28	Tennessee
72	Dombrowski, Jim	OL	6-5	298	29	Virginia
89	Early, Quinn	WR	6-0	190	27	Iowa
22	Fenerty, Gill	RB	6-0	205	29	Holy Cross
33	Florence, Anthony	CB	5-11	180	26	Bethune-Cookman
52	Forde, Brian	LB	6-3	235	29	Washington St.
91	Goff, Robert	NT	6-3	270	27	Auburn
74	Haverdink, Kevin	T	6-5	285	27	W. Michigan
3	Hebert, Bobby	QB	6-4	215	32	Northwestern La.
34	Heyward, Craig	FB	5-11	260	26	Pittsburgh
61	Hilgenberg, Joel	OL	6-2	252	30	Iowa
21	Hilliard, Dalton	RB	5-8	204	28	LSU
57	Jackson, Rickey	LB	6-2	243	34	Pittsburgh
	Jetton, Paul	G	6-4	288	28	Texas
53	Johnson, Vaughan	LB	6-3	235	30	North Carolina St.
27	Jones, Reginald	CB	6-1	202	23	Memphis St.
23	Jordan, Buford	FB	6-0	223	30	McNeese St.
78	Keim, Mike	T	6-7	285	27	BYU
60	Kennard, Derek	OL	6-3	319	30	Nevada
84	Martin, Eric	WR	6-1	207	31	LSU
93	Martin, Wayne	DE	6-5	275	27	Arkansas
39	Maxie, Brett	SS	6-2	194	30	Texas Southern
25	McAfee, Fred	OL	5-10	193	24	Miss. College
69	Miller, Les	DE	6-7	285	27	Fl. Hays St.
51	Mills, Sam	LB	5-9	225	33	Montclair St.
35	Morse, Bobby	FB	5-10	213	27	Michigan St.
86	Newman, Patrick	WR	5-11	189	24	Utah St.
45	Petry, Stan	CB	5-11	180	26	TCU
20	Pinkett, Allen	RB	5-9	196	28	Notre Dame
70	Port, Chris	G	6-5	290	25	Duke
55	Ross, Scott	LB	6-1	235	24	Southern Cal
83	Scales, Greg	TE	6-4	253	26	Wake Forest
99	Smeenge, Joel	LB	6-5	255	24	Western Michigan
30	Smith, Cedric	FB	5-10	223	24	Florida
43	Spears, Ernest	S	5-11	192	25	Southern Cal
37	Spencer, Jimmy	CB	5-9	180	23	Florida
56	Swilling, Pat	LB	6-3	242	28	Georgia Tech
29	Taylor, Keith	S	5-11	206	28	Illinois
82	Tica, John	TE	6-5	249	32	Maryland
65	Trapilo, Steve	G	6-5	281	28	Boston College
97	Turnbull, Renaldo	DE	6-4	255	26	West Virginia
88	Turner, Floyd	WR	5-11	188	26	Northwestern La.
87	Wainright, Frank	TE	6-3	236	25	N. Colorado
4	Walsh, Steve	QB	6-3	204	26	Miami
73	Warren, Frank	DE	6-4	290	33	Auburn
94	Wilks, Jim	OL	6-5	275	34	San Diego St.
90	Williams, James	LB	6-0	230	24	Mississippi St.
92	Winston, DeMond	FB	6-2	239	24	Vanderbilt

#### DRAFTIES

rd.	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Dunbar, Vaughn	RB	5-10	204	Indiana
3	Legette, Tyrone	CB	5-9	177	Nebraska
4	McGuire, Gene	C	6-2	284	Notre Dame
4	Lumpkin, Sean	S	6-0	205	Minnesota
5	Small, Torrance	WR	6-3	201	Alcorn St.
6	Vincent, Kary	CB	5-10	177	Texas A&M
8	Stewart, Robert	NT	5-11	292	Alabama
9	Jones, Donald	LB	6-0	231	Washington
10	Dowdell, Marcus	WR	5-10	179	Tennessee St.
11	Gisler, Mike	G	6-4	299	Houston
12	Adell, Scott	T	6-4	302	North Carolina St.



**WILLIE  
ANDERSON**

**JIM EVERETT**

**AARON COX**

# RAMS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
83	Anderson, Willie.....	WR	6-0	172	27	UCLA
28	Bailey, Robert.....	CB	5-9	176	23	Washington
61	Brostek, Bern.....	G	6-3	300	25	Washington
51	Bush, Blair.....	C	6-3	275	35	Washington
59	Butcher, Paul.....	LB	6-0	230	28	Wayne State
88	Carter, Pat.....	TE	6-4	250	25	Florida State
89	Chadwick, Jeff.....	WR	6-3	185	31	Grand Valley St.
79	Charles, Mike.....	DT	6-4	305	29	Syracuse
84	Cox, Aaron.....	WR	5-9	178	27	Arizona State
94	Crews, Terry.....	LB	6-2	237	23	Western Michigan
39	Delpino, Robert.....	RB	6-0	205	26	Missouri
22	Dupree, Marcus.....	RB	6-2	225	27	Southern Miss
80	Ellard, Henry.....	WR	5-11	182	31	Fresno State
11	Everett, Jim.....	QB	6-5	212	29	Purdue
73	Fort, Neal.....	T	6-5	212	24	BYU
43	Gary, Cleveland.....	RB	6-0	226	25	Miami
91	Greene, Kevin.....	LB	6-3	250	30	Auburn
93	Hammond, Vance.....	DT	6-6	295	24	Western Michigan
70	Hawkins, Bill.....	DE	6-6	269	25	Miami
9	Helton, Barry.....	P	6-3	205	27	Colorado
20	Henley, Darryl.....	CB	5-9	172	25	UCLA
72	Jenkins, Robert.....	T	6-5	285	28	UCLA
86	Johnson, Damone.....	TE	6-4	250	30	Cal Poly-SLO
52	Kelm, Larry.....	LB	6-4	240	27	Texas A&M
38	Lang, David.....	RB	5-11	201	25	N. Arizona
21	Loville, Derek.....	RB	5-9	196	23	Oregon
41	Lyght, Todd.....	CB	6-0	186	23	Notre Dame
24	McGee, Buford.....	FB	6-0	210	31	Mississippi
71	Miliniichik, Joe.....	G	6-5	290	29	N.C. State
66	Newberry, Tom.....	OL	6-2	285	29	Wis.-LaCrosse
26	Newman, Anthony.....	S	6-0	199	26	Oregon
14	Pagel, Mike.....	QB	6-2	220	31	Arizona State
69	Pahuhoa, Jeff.....	T	6-2	298	23	Washington
64	Perry, Gerald.....	T	6-6	305	27	Southern
58	Phifer, Roman.....	LB	6-2	230	24	UCLA
95	Piel, Mike.....	DT	6-4	270	26	Illinois
87	Price, Jim.....	TE	6-4	247	25	Stanford
97	Robinson, Gerald.....	DE	6-3	262	28	Auburn
92	Rocker, David.....	DT	6-4	267	23	Auburn
55	Sanders, Glenell.....	LB	6-0	224	25	Louisiana Tech
68	Skow, Jim.....	DE	6-3	250	28	Nebraska
78	Slaters, Jackie.....	T	6-4	285	38	Jackson State
56	Smith, Doug.....	C	6-3	272	35	Bowling Green
50	Stams, Frank.....	LB	6-2	237	26	Notre Dame
23	Stewart, Michael.....	SS	6-0	195	26	Fresno State
53	Strickland, Fred.....	LB	6-2	250	25	Purdue
67	Terrell, Pat.....	FS	6-0	195	24	Notre Dame
32	Thompson, Ernie.....	FB	5-11	230	22	Indiana
82	Turner, Vernon.....	WR	5-8	185	25	Carson-Newman
77	Wilson, Karl.....	DE	6-4	275	27	LSU
99	Wright, Alvin.....	DT	6-2	285	31	Jacksonville St.
76	Young, Robert.....	DT	6-6	273	23	Mississippi St.
10	Zendejas, Tony.....	K	5-8	165	31	Nevada-Reno

# DRAFTES

rd.	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Gilbert, Sean.....	DE	6-4	315	Pittsburgh
2	Israel, Steve.....	CB	5-10	186	Pittsburgh
3	Boutte, Marc.....	DT	6-4	298	LSU
3	Kinchen, Todd.....	WR	5-11	187	LSU
4	Harper, Shawn.....	OT	6-3	292	Indiana
5	Crooms, Chris.....	DB	6-0	211	Texas A&M
6	Campbell, Joe.....	RB	5-9	180	Middle Tenn. St.
7	Ashmore, Darryl.....	OT	6-7	300	Northwestern
8	Jones, Ricky.....	QB	6-0	185	Alabama St.
9	Rubley, T.J.....	QB	6-3	205	Tulsa
10	Lester, Tim.....	RB	5-9	215	E. Kentucky
11	Townsend, Brian.....	LB	6-3	242	Michigan
11	Thomas, Brian.....	WR	6-3	195	Southern
12	Harris, Kelvin.....	C	6-2	272	Miami

# LOS ANGELES RAMS

Chuck Knox is a new coach again. The Rams are his old team. If Knox can pull off the same trick he accomplished in 1973 with the Rams, or later with the Bills and Seahawks, he should go directly to the Hall of Fame. Knox took over the Rams first in 1973 and led them to five straight NFC West titles. But this team is in worse shape than that one. John Robinson left with a record 10 straight losses, and for the first time in their history, the Rams were left without a single Pro Bowl player on the roster.

Knox usually runs out of trouble. He didn't earn the nickname "Ground Chuck" by throwing indiscriminately. So who will run the football is the most compelling mystery in L.A. since Perry Mason was a skinny teen-ager. Four years have passed since Eric Dickerson left. He returns to the Raiders on the other side of town with the Rams ranked 27th in rushing. Fortunately for the Rams, they can point to the last-place rushing team, Dickerson's old Indianapolis Colts.

The Rams had to wait until the draft to determine what kind of defense they would play. It will be the fourth change in six seasons. At least top choice Sean Gilbert and third-round-er Marc Boutte give Knox two linemen from

which to start and second-round-er Steve Israel gives him a cornerback to pair with last year's No. 1 pick, Todd Lyght. Clearly, this is a team in need of major rebuilding. While the Rams weren't looking, both the Saints and the Falcons passed them in the chase to catch the 49ers.

Quarterback Jim Everett's statistics have declined steadily in the last three years, but it's impossible to blame him given the deterioration around him. His passer rating has slipped from 90.6 to 79.3 to 68.9, but the running game has dropped from 13th to 20th to 27th and the defense has fallen from 21st to 23rd over the same time period. To correct some of Everett's mechanical flaws, Knox hired Ted Tollner as quarterback coach. But Everett remains the man in charge if the Rams are to improve. He has started every game for four years. Mike Pagel is the backup.

Everett's starting wide receivers, Henry Ellard and Willie Anderson, got into the end zone only four times between them. Ellard is 31 and has led the club for eight years in receptions. How long can he go? Anderson missed four games with a back injury and finished with a 16.7-yard average, his first sea-



son under 21 in four. Yet the development of Aaron Cox remains slow and Vernon Turner is only in his second year. Knox brought Jeff Chadwick with him from Seattle on Plan B and added Todd Kinchen in the third round for competition. The return of Jim Price from injury will help a tight-end corps that kept the passing game respectable.

Unappreciated Robert Delpino led the club with 688 yards rushing, topping his three-year totals in taking over for Cleveland Gary early. But Delpino is not an every-down back, coaches say. He is more valuable as a third-down or spot performer. His 3.2-yard average

was tied for lowest in the league among backs who gained 400 yards or more. The back he tied? Dickerson. Gary was released by baseball, so maybe will concentrate on his life's work. The Marcus Dupree experiment is alive, but not yet well. Maybe second-year backs David Lang or Ernie Thompson will surprise



**KEVIN GREENE**



**FRED STRICKLAND**

Knox, who also added Seattle's Derek Loville off Plan B. Sixth-rounder Joe Campbell will get a chance. Buford McGee is a reliable blocker at fullback.

Left tackle Gerald Perry's return from a knee problem and his continued good behavior is crucial to the success of the offensive line. Robert Jenkins started in Perry's place after the Rams let Irv Pankey go to Indianapolis.

Center Tom Newberry and left guard Bern Brostek will switch positions after a failed experiment that limited both. Joe Milinichik must come back from a shoulder injury to replace the departed Duval Love at right guard. So that leaves 38-year-old right tackle Jackie Slater as the only healthy holdover. To protect for the future, the Rams selected Shawn Harper in the fourth round, Darryl Ashmore in the seventh, and Kelvin Harris in the 12th. Jeff Pahuoa is a second-year reserve. Blair Bush rejoins Knox from Green Bay's Plan B list as the long snapper and backup center.

Injuries hit the Rams so hard last season they were forced to use 12 different players on the defensive line. The result was chaos, as the team finished 23rd in overall defense, last in take-aways, and 25th in points allowed.

Gilbert, Israel, and Boutte have instant starting jobs unless they arrive late or crippled. Gilbert and Boutte could be the starting tackles if the Rams go to a 4-3 or either could play

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end. Second-year right end Robert Young was as consistent as any of last year's players and Knox brought pass rusher Jim Skow from Seattle's Plan B list. Karl Wilson and Bill Hawkins are penciled in at left end, where linebacker Kevin Greene toiled unsuccessfully last season. Tackle Alvin Wright is a run-stopper in the middle and second-year man David



CLEVELAND GARY

Rocker and Mike Piel are backup tackles. Gerald Robinson is a reserve pass rusher.

Greene will move back to linebacker, where he once was one of the league's best pass rushers. He had only three sacks last year and seemed on the decline at age 30 whether he played the line or linebacker. His versatility and the Rams' ineptitude have been deterrents to his career because coaches have needed him in too many places at once. Fred Strickland is the most talented linebacker on the team if he can stay healthy. He can play

#### RAMS 1991 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Zendejas, 76 points on 25 extra points and 17 field goals...15th  
RUSHING—Delpino, 688 yards on 214 carries, 3.2 avg., 9 TDs...8th  
PASSING—Everett, 277 of 490 attempts for 3,438 yards and 11 TDs...14th  
RECEIVING—Ellard, 64 receptions for 1,052 yards, 16.4 avg., 3 TDs...19th  
INTERCEPTIONS—Gray, 3 for 83 yards, 27.7 avg., 1 TD...14th  
—Henley, 3 for 22 yards, 7.3 average...14th  
PUNTING—Hatcher, 63 punts, 38.1 avg., longest 52 yards...14th  
PUNT RETURNS—Turner, 23 for 201 yards, 8.7 average...7th  
KICKOFF RETURNS—Turner, 24 for 457 yards, 19.0 average...9th  
SACKS—Greene, 3.0 sacks...T19th  
—Robinson, 3.0 sacks...T19th

#### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 6 At Seattle (N)  
15 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS (N)  
22 GREEN BAY PACKERS (N)  
27 At San Diego (N)

#### 1992 SCHEDULE

		1991 SCORES
September	6 At Buffalo	—
	13 NEW ENGLAND	—
	20 At Miami	—
	27 NEW YORK JETS	—
October	4 At San Francisco	10-27
	11 At New Orleans (N)	7-24
	18 NEW YORK GIANTS	19-13
	25 OPEN DATE	—
November	1 At Atlanta	14-31
	8 PHOENIX	14-24
	15 At Dallas	—
	22 SAN FRANCISCO	10-33
	29 MINNESOTA	14-20
December	6 Tampa Bay (N)	—
	13 NEW ORLEANS	17-24
	20 At Green Bay	23-21
	27 ATLANTA	14-31

inside or outside and give the Rams pass-rush or run-stuffing capability. But he has never finished a complete season as a starter. Second-year man Roman Phifer is another prospect returning from injury. Before he broke his leg, he showed the speed and ability to challenge for a starting job. Larry Kelm led the team in tackles and is a heady signal-caller, but he will be challenged by Frank Stams, another injury victim. Backup Glenell Sanders is a special-teams standout.

In the secondary, the addition of Israel is designed to allow the Rams a better chance against the tough receivers in the NFC West. The Rams just don't match up well against the Jerry Rices and John Taylors and Eric Martins and Andre Risons of their division. Lyght was slow to develop but should improve in his second year at left corner. Darryl Henley is small and more suited to a nickel back than a regular at right corner. Anthony Newman has the ability to play corner and might be moved there from strong safety. Second-year man Robert Bailey is another possibility at corner. The Rams had a league-low 11 interceptions, so they are looking for answers everywhere. Strong safety Michael Stewart and free safety Pat Terrell are primarily run-stoppers who need to improve in deep middle pass coverage. They had only three interceptions between them. Fifth-rounder Chris Crooms is a possibility in an area that is thin.

Vernon Turner provided moments of excitement as a punt and kick returner. Tony Zendejas won the place-kicking job in perfect 17-for-17 fashion. Barry Helton is the punter.

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# HALL OF FAME

by JIM O'BRIEN



**JOHN RIGGINS**

Three of them were mavericks who marched to the beat of a different drummer and one of them was a smooth operator who might have played the drum. He could do everything else.

The 1992 Pro Football Hall of Fame class includes three controversial figures in Al Davis, John Mackey, and John Riggins and one friendly fellow, Lem Barney. They were among the best ever at their professions and they will be honored in induction ceremonies at their sport's showcase in Canton, Ohio this August.

## **LEM BARNEY**

The mention of Lem Barney brings big plays to mind. A classic cornerback for the Detroit Lions, he replaced another Hall of Famer, Dick "Night Train" Lane, and the Lions never missed a beat in their defensive backfield.

Barney could beat you by blanking your receivers, shaking the ball loose from runners who strayed his way, or returning interceptions, punts, and kickoffs for long runs and sometimes touchdowns. He was a defensive player who was always on the offensive. Bar-

ney was also a backup punter. They called him "The Supernatural."

Lions' coach Joe Schmidt, himself a Hall of Famer, felt Barney could have been a star on either side of the ball. "The best athletes on the team play at cornerback," said Schmidt, a former Lions' linebacker. "You either make the play or you don't. It's that simple. Barney made the plays because of his speed, his quickness, his reactions, his senses."

He was a six-foot, 190-pound bullet of a ball player from Jackson State. Scouts still had





up that season on a similar high note, intercepting three passes in one quarter against the Minnesota Vikings, returning one of them 71 yards for a touchdown. In between, Barney was superb and was a runaway choice in the Associated Press Rookie of the Year balloting. Barney hit the big-time in a big way.

While Barney called cornerback "the loneliest spot in the world," he was in the middle of everything. He excelled in the Lions' lineup for 11 seasons, playing in seven Pro Bowls. He scored 11 touchdowns, seven on interceptions, two on punt returns, one on a kickoff return, and one on a blocked field-goal return. His longest touchdown came on a 98-yard kickoff return and seven of his defensive touchdowns came on plays of 40 yards or



questions about prospects from small schools like Jackson State back in the '60s, but Barney quickly quieted any critics about his selection in the second round of the 1967 draft. The Lions opened with the Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers that year, and Bart Starr, smart quarterback that he was, went the way of Barney early, testing the rookie left cornerback. Barney intercepted the first pass thrown his way in a regular-season contest, did a sensational somersault, regained his footing, and tiptoed 24 yards for a touchdown. He finished

more. With the interceptions and returns, he accumulated 3,972 yards. He had 56 interceptions, tied for No. 11 in NFL history, for 1,079 yards. His 143 punt returns were good for 1,312 yards and he returned 50 kickoffs for 1,274 yards. Veteran Detroit *Free Press* sportswriter George Puskas labeled Barney "the most electrifying defensive ball player" in the Lions' 58-year-old history.

"I never had a chance to be a champion in football or basketball, from the sandlots to college and on to the pros," said Barney, who is



now a public-relations counselor for Michigan Consolidated Gas in the Detroit area, when he learned of his election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. "Now I feel like a champion."

### JOHN RIGGINS

John Riggins, at 6-2 and 240 pounds, was a throwback to another era, a fullback who ran up the middle of the field with a football in bulldozer fashion. Off the field, Riggins ran on the edge, with wild haircuts, clothes of a different cut, and ideas that drove his coaches crazy. A formidable figure in either respect, he smiled and shrugged off defenders and critics alike and went his own way. No one, however, could question his effort or effectiveness.

Riggins was the No. 1 pick of the New York Jets and the sixth player taken in the 1971 draft. He had been an All-America running back at Kansas, where he eclipsed most of the rushing records established by the great Gale Sayers. Even so, he was insecure about his chances of joining the Jets. "I wasn't a very good player in college, to tell you the truth," he said. "I thought I might be the first No. 1 draft choice to be cut. I'd seen a few big names flop just ahead of me."

Riggins was for real. He starred for the Jets for five seasons and for nine more with the Washington Redskins. He rushed for 11,352 yards, the sixth-highest total of all time; his 13,435 overall yards is the ninth-best figure in



# HALL OF FAME



**JOHN MACKEY**

that category. Riggins ran for over 1,000 yards in five different seasons. His 116 career touchdowns and 104 rushing touchdowns are both No. 3 in the NFL record book.

Riggins was especially productive in the playoffs and championship games. The best memory of him at work comes from Super Bowl XVII at the end of the 1982 season. Riggins rushed 38 times for a then-record 166 yards to lead the Redskins to victory over the Miami Dolphins. The Redskins had trailed 17-13 in the fourth quarter. On fourth-and-one at the Miami 43, Riggins ripped off left tackle and bolted 43 yards for the winning touchdown.

Riggins followed his 1982 playoff success with his finest season in 1983, when he rushed for a career-high 1,347 yards and an NFL-record 24 touchdowns. He scored at least one touchdown in a record-tying 13 straight games and fumbled only three times in 468 carries. He was an all-NFL choice and was named Player of the Year by the prestigious Maxwell Club.

He retired from the NFL on three occasions, once to get away from the Jets, who weren't winning enough to suit him, and twice from the Redskins. He returned to the Redskins after spending a year on his farm in Kansas, and

had his best years, a five-year stretch that paved the way for his induction into the Hall of Fame. "I'm bored, I'm broke, and I'm back," remarked Riggins when he accepted an invitation from Joe Gibbs to get back in uniform. It was a good move for both.

## **AL DAVIS**

Darth Vader. The Prince of Darkness. The Bad Boy from Brooklyn. The mysterious, marvelous, and mischievous man who always wears black and silver, gray and white in his role as the devil's advocate of pro football.

That's Al Davis, love him or hate him, but respect him. Davis has always done it his way, driving Pete Rozelle and Paul Tagliabue and everybody else in a position of power and responsibility a little crazy along the way. Davis has done it all, almost anyhow, in his long and storied career, first in college and then with the American Football League and the National Football League. He is the only person to have served pro football in the positions of personnel assistant and scout, assistant coach, head coach, GM, league commissioner, owner, and chief executive officer.

Davis and the Raiders are synonymous, whether they are playing in Oakland or Los Angeles, or in the playoffs and Super Bowls. "You're here to win, win, win!" he once told his players. He set the tone for his team in so many ways, with mottoes like "Just Win, Baby" and "Pride and Poise" and the club's "Commitment to Excellence" program.

During the Davis era, a 29-year span between 1963 and 1991, the Raiders had higher than a .670 winning percentage, the best record in any professional sport in that period. His Raiders played in four Super Bowls and won three of them. They are the only original AFL team to win a Super Bowl since 1970 and the only AFC team to win a Super Bowl in the 1980s. Davis believes his club endured longer than the Pittsburgh Steelers, their archrivals when both were at their all-time best.

He was only 33 when he was named the head coach and general manager of the Oakland Raiders in 1963. Some said he was a genius. Davis did not disagree with that assessment. When the AFL was formed in 1960, Sid Gillman hired him as an offensive coach for the Los Angeles Chargers. "He thinks he is the smartest guy in football," Gillman said. "He's not now, but he's going to be."

Davis warred with anyone who got in his way. He was a zealot and took some unpopular stands. Others blasted his methods, his win-at-all-costs philosophy, but his players supported him. He paid them well, praised them a lot, and treated them like kings if they contributed to his success. He took on players nobody else wanted to deal with. He was a maverick among mavericks. He didn't miss any steps when he assumed his position at the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He had been there numerous times before to present many of his great players for induction. This summer he assumes his rightful place among them.

## **JOHN MACKEY**

John Mackey combined the best and worst of John Riggins and Al Davis to make his mark in the National Football League. He was a full-back as bruising as Riggins, only he played tight end. He did it in the fashion of one of his favorites, Mike Ditka ("I wanted to be just like Mike"), and nobody wanted to mess with Mackey when he grabbed a football and got up a head of steam.

Like Davis, he took a lot of unpopular positions with the powers that be in the National Football League. As president of the Players Association, he was outspoken on behalf of freedom for the players and took the league to court seeking to eliminate the reserve-clause system. Smart and willful, Mackey was a tough man to deal with, whether he was in uniform or a business suit. He commanded respect wherever he went and offended a few, including some sportswriters who sided with the establishment. His nickname was "Mack Truck." Mackey liked to say, "I ran over a lot of guys." He thought of himself as "a lineman who could run and catch the ball."

It took Mackey the maximum 15 years to find favor with enough voters to gain entry to the Hall of Fame. Yet this was a man who knew that the shortest distance to the goal line was straight ahead, and he was faster than most at getting from here to there.

A 6-2, 224-pound graduate of Syracuse University, where he had roomed with the great Ernie Davis, Mackey was a standout for the Baltimore Colts from 1963 to 1971. He is remembered as the first Colts' rookie to turn up for contract talks with a lawyer in tow. That should have been a warning to everyone that he meant business, and that he'd be different. Today, not surprisingly, he runs an agency called "Athletes in Motion" in Beverly Hills.

"Most of all," Mackey has said on more than one occasion, "you've got to have the desire to play. You have to be aggressive, you've got to want to succeed."

He was a prototype modern-era tight end who was a bruising blocker. He could catch the ball and he had breakaway speed. In 1966, for instance, six of his nine touchdown receptions came on plays of 51, 57, 64, 79, 83, and 89 yards. In Super Bowl V against the Dallas Cowboys, he caught a deflected pass from Johnny Unitas and turned it into a 75-yard touchdown that tied the game the Colts eventually won. In 10 seasons, Mackey had 331 pass receptions for 5,236 yards and 38 touchdowns. He also rushed, many of them on his favorite end-around play, for 127 yards.

Colts receivers coach Dick Bielski had said of Mackey, "Once he catches the ball, the great adventure begins. Those people on defense climb all over him. The lucky defenders fall off and the others get trampled." □

*Jim O'Brien has written about pro football for 25 years, and is the author of two books about the glory days of the Steelers, Doing It Right (1991) and Whatever It Takes (1992).*



# Please tell us about yourself...

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**F**rom time to time we at STREET & SMITH'S PRO FOOTBALL have questions we'd like to ask our readers. Today we need help from many of you – even those who don't often answer questionnaires. We won't take much of your time, and who knows, you may *even win a compact disc player, a video cassette recorder or a stereo TV*. Just fill in this brief questionnaire and mail the form as soon as possible. Thank you!

- Which of these other STREET & SMITH'S SPORTS MAGAZINES do you read? (Please check as many as apply.)  
Baseball ☐ 8-1 College Football ☐ -2 Pro Basketball ☐ -3 College Basketball ☐ -4
- How long have you been reading STREET & SMITH'S Pro Football?  
New reader ☐ 9-1 2 Years ☐ -3 4 Years ☐ -5 6-9 Years ☐ -7  
1 Year ☐ -2 3 Years ☐ -4 5 Years ☐ -6 10 Years or More ☐ -8
- How much of this book would you say you have read?  
All or Practically All ☐ 10-1 About 3/4 ☐ -3  
About 1/2 ☐ -2 1/4 or less ☐ -4
- In an average week during the season about how often do you refer to the Pro Football Issue?  
\_\_\_\_\_ times <sup>11-</sup><sub>12-</sub>
- Not including yourself, how many other friends or family members will look through your copy of STREET & SMITH'S Pro Football?  
Number of Males \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>13-</sup><sub>14-</sub> Number of Females \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>15-</sup><sub>16-</sub>
- a) Did you buy either of the following sports books last year?  
Don Heinrich's Pro Preview Yes ☐ 17-1 No ☐ -2  
Sporting News Pro Football Yearbook Yes ☐ 18-1 No ☐ -2  
b) Please indicate how often you read each of the following publications.

	Read Regularly	Read Occasionally	Hardly Ever Read	Never Read
Inside Sports	<input type="checkbox"/> -1	<input type="checkbox"/> -2	<input type="checkbox"/> -3	<input type="checkbox"/> 19-
Sport	<input type="checkbox"/> -1	<input type="checkbox"/> -2	<input type="checkbox"/> -3	<input type="checkbox"/> 20-
Sports Illustrated	<input type="checkbox"/> -1	<input type="checkbox"/> -2	<input type="checkbox"/> -3	<input type="checkbox"/> 21-
The Sporting News	<input type="checkbox"/> -1	<input type="checkbox"/> -2	<input type="checkbox"/> -3	<input type="checkbox"/> 22-

- In an average week what percentage of your television viewing time is spent watching college and professional sports events?  
Less than 25% ☐ 23-1 25%-49% ☐ -2 50%-74% ☐ -3 75%-100% ☐ -4
  - Do you ever take a radio or television with you when attending sports events?  
Yes ☐ 24-1 No ☐ -2
- PASSENGER CARS
- a) How many passenger cars, including station wagons, are currently owned by all the people in your household?

Number of Cars \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>25-</sup> None ☐ -0

For each car currently owned, please indicate:

	1st Car	2nd Car	3rd Car
b) Make (i.e., Oldsmobile, Mercury, BMW, Toyota)	_____ <sup>26-</sup>	_____ <sup>31-</sup>	_____ <sup>36-</sup>
c) Model (i.e., Toronado, Cougar, 318, Celica)	_____ <sup>27-</sup>	_____ <sup>32-</sup>	_____ <sup>37-</sup>
d) Year Model	_____ <sup>28-</sup>	_____ <sup>33-</sup>	_____ <sup>38-</sup>
	_____ <sup>29-</sup>	_____ <sup>34-</sup>	_____ <sup>39-</sup>

- e) Was it bought new or used?:  
New ☐ 30-1 Used ☐ -2 New ☐ 35-1 Used ☐ -2 New ☐ 40-1 Used ☐ -2
- a) Do you or any member of your household plan to buy a car in the next 2 years?  
Yes ☐ 41-1 No ☐ -2
- b) If yes, will it be a:  
Domestic Car ☐ 42-1 Imported Car ☐ -2 Not Sure ☐ -3

## CAR MAINTENANCE

- a) Do you ever do your own car maintenance work? Yes ☐ 43-1 No ☐ -2
- b) If so, which of the following do you do? (Please check as many as apply.)  
Replace Tires ☐ 44-1 Change Oil ☐ -3 Change Oil Filter ☐ -5  
Change Air Filter ☐ -2 Tune-Ups ☐ -4 Replace Windshield Wipers ☐ -6

## TRUCKS, MINI-VANS, VANS & SPORT/UTILITY (OFFROAD) VEHICLES

- a) Do you or any member of your household currently own any pick-up trucks, mini-vans, vans or sports utility (offroad) vehicles used partly or entirely for personal or recreational uses? Yes ☐ 45-1 No ☐ -2
- b) If so, which of the following?  
Compact/Mid-Sized Pickup ☐ 46-1 Full Size Pick-up ☐ -3 Mini-van ☐ -4 Van ☐ -5  
Sport/Utility (offroad) ☐ -2

Please continue...





Please tell us a little more...

#### BEVERAGES

13. Please "X" those beverages that you personally drink or serve at home or away from home. If you have mixed drinks, such as whiskey sours, check the type of liquor they contain.

Domestic Whiskies ☐ 47-1      Scotch/Canadian/Irish Whisky ☐ -5      Vodka/Rum/Cin/Tequila ☐ -8  
 Brandy/Cognac ☐ -2      Cordials/Liqueurs ☐ -6      Wine/Champagne/Vermouth ☐ -9  
 Schnapps ☐ -3      Domestic Beer ☐ -7      Imported Beers ☐ -0  
 Bottled Spring or Mineral Water ☐ -4      Tonic Water/Club Soda/Ginger Ale etc. ☐ -x

- b. If you drink/serve beer, do you ever buy it by the case?

Yes ☐ 48-1      No ☐ -2

- c. In an average month, approximately how often do you entertain at home? \_\_\_\_\_ 49-50-

#### MEN'S TOILETRIES & GROOMING AIDS

14. Which of the following men's toiletries or grooming aids do you use? (Please check as many as apply.)

Pre-shave Lotion ☐ 51-1      Disposable Shaver ☐ -4      Hair Grooming Products ☐ -7  
 Shaving Cream or Gel ☐ -2      After-shave Lotion ☐ -5      Cologne ☐ -8  
 Blade Shaver ☐ -3      Electric Razor ☐ -6

#### SPORTS PARTICIPATION

15. Do you yourself actively participate in any sports activity?

Yes ☐ 52-1      No ☐ -2

- a) If so, which activities? \_\_\_\_\_ 53-54-

- b) In the past year have you purchased any running/athletic shoes?

Yes ☐ 55-1      No ☐ -2

#### HOME ELECTRONICS

16. Do you or any member of your household own a video cassette recorder?

Yes ☐ 56-1      No ☐ -2

- a) If so, approximately how many blank and/or pre-recorded tapes have you purchased in the past year?

Blank Tapes \_\_\_\_\_ 57-58-      Pre-recorded Tapes \_\_\_\_\_ 59-60-

- b) Do you tape televised sports events?

Yes ☐ 61-1      No ☐ -2

- c) Do you or any member of your household own:

A Compact Disc Player?      Yes ☐ 62-1      No ☐ -2  
 A Camcorder?      Yes ☐ 63-1      No ☐ -2

#### CHARACTERISTICS

17. Are you:

Male ☐ 64-1      Female ☐ -2

18. Your age: Under 18 ☐ 65-1      25-29 ☐ -3      35-39 ☐ -5      45-49 ☐ -7      55-59 ☐ -9      65 or over ☐ -x  
 18-24 ☐ -2      30-34 ☐ -4      40-44 ☐ -6      50-54 ☐ -8      60-64 ☐ -0

19. What is your marital status?      Single ☐ 66-1      Married ☐ -2      Widowed, Divorced, Separated ☐ -3

20. Are you:      White ☐ 67-1      Black ☐ -2      Hispanic ☐ -3      Oriental ☐ -4      Other ☐ -5

21. Which of the following best describes your present employment status?

Employed Full-Time ☐ 68-1      Employed Part-Time ☐ -2      Not Employed ☐ -3

- If employed full or part time:

a) What is your particular job called? \_\_\_\_\_ 69-70-71-72-  
 b) Does the job have a title? What is it? \_\_\_\_\_

- c) Please indicate below the annual income you personally get from your job before taxes:

Less than \$10,000 ☐ 73-1      \$15,000-\$19,999 ☐ -3      \$25,000-\$34,999 ☐ -5      \$50,000 or More ☐ -7  
 \$10,000-\$14,999 ☐ -2      \$20,000-\$24,999 ☐ -4      \$35,000-\$49,999 ☐ -6

22. What is the highest level you completed in school?

Some High School or Less ☐ 74-1      Attended College 1-3 Years ☐ -4

High School Graduate ☐ -2      College Graduate ☐ -5

Attended College Less Than 1 Year ☐ -3      Professional or Graduate School After 4 Years of College ☐ -6

23. What is the total combined annual income before taxes of all members of your household including yourself, that is, income from jobs as well as other sources?

Less than \$15,000 ☐ 75-1      \$20,000-\$24,999 ☐ -3      \$30,000-\$34,999 ☐ -5      \$40,000-\$49,999 ☐ -7      \$75,000 & Over ☐ -9  
 \$15,000-\$19,999 ☐ -2      \$25,000-\$29,999 ☐ -4      \$35,000-\$39,999 ☐ -6      \$50,000-\$74,999 ☐ -8

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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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Compact Disc Player ☐

Video Cassette Recorder ☐

Stereo TV ☐



# PLAYOFF & SUPER BOWL RECAP

## FIRST ROUND GAMES

Kansas City 10, L.A. Raiders 6  
Houston 17, N.Y. Jets 10  
Dallas 17, Chicago 13  
Atlanta 27, New Orleans 20

## SECOND ROUND GAMES

Washington 24, Atlanta 7  
Detroit 38, Dallas 6  
Denver 26, Houston 24  
Buffalo 37, Kansas City 14

## CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Buffalo 10, Denver 7  
Washington 41, Detroit 10

## SUPER BOWL XXVI

Washington 37, Buffalo 24

## 1991 NFL FINAL STANDINGS

### AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	13	3	0	.813	458	318
N.Y. Jets	8	8	0	.500	314	293
Miami	8	8	0	.500	343	349
New England	6	10	0	.375	211	305
Indianapolis	1	15	0	.063	143	381

### Central Division

Houston	11	5	0	.688	386	251
Pittsburgh	7	9	0	.438	292	344
Cleveland	6	10	0	.375	293	298
Cincinnati	3	13	0	.188	263	435

### Western Division

Denver	12	4	0	.750	304	235
Kansas City	10	6	0	.625	322	252
L.A. Raiders	9	7	0	.563	298	297
Seattle	7	9	0	.438	276	261
San Diego	4	12	0	.250	274	342

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	14	2	0	.875	485	224
Dallas	11	5	0	.688	342	310
Philadelphia	10	6	0	.625	285	244
N.Y. Giants	8	8	0	.500	281	297
Phoenix	4	12	0	.250	196	344

### Central Division

Detroit	12	4	0	.750	339	295
Chicago	11	5	0	.688	299	269
Minnesota	8	8	0	.500	301	306
Green Bay	4	12	0	.250	273	313
Tampa Bay	3	13	0	.188	199	365

### Western Division

New Orleans	11	5	0	.688	341	211
Atlanta	10	6	0	.625	361	338
San Francisco	10	6	0	.625	393	239
L.A. Rams	3	13	0	.188	234	390

### NFC FIRST ROUND

Dallas	10	0	7	0	-17
Chicago	0	3	3	7	-13

#### First Quarter

Dallas: FG Willis 27, 7:55  
Dallas: E. Smith 1 run (Willis kick), 12:10

#### Second Quarter

Chicago: FG Butler 19, 14:45

#### Third Quarter

Chicago: FG Butler 43, 6:34  
Dallas: Novacek 3 pass from Beuerlein (Willis kick), 14:37

#### Fourth Quarter

Chicago: Waddle 6 pass from Harbaugh (Butler kick), 12:18  
Attendance: 62,594

### Team Statistics

	Dallas	Chicago
First downs	15	26
Rushes-yards	30-108	34-150
Passing yards	180	222
Return yards	7	5
Comp-Att-Int	9-18-0	23-45-2
Sacked-yards lost	0-0	3-11
Punts	3-45	1-0
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	2-16	4-16
Time of possession	22:31	37:29

### Individual Statistics

**Rushing:** Dallas, E. Smith 26-105, Beuerlein 4-3; Chicago, Lewis 9-65, Anderson 13-34, Harbaugh 7-26, Muster 5-25

**Passing:** Dallas, Beuerlein 9-18-0-180; Chicago, Harbaugh 22-44-2-218, Buford 1-0-15

**Receiving:** Dallas, Irvin 4-83, Harper 3-88, Johnston 1-6, Novacek 1-3; Chicago, Waddle 9-104, Davis 7-79, Anderson 3-5, Lewis 2-18, Rivera 1-15, Thornton 1-12

**Missed Field Goals:** Dallas, Willis 39, 47

### NFC FIRST ROUND

Atlanta	0	10	7	10	-27
New Orleans	7	6	0	7	-20

#### First Quarter

New Orleans: Turner 26 pass from Hebert (Andersen kick), 6:03

#### Second Quarter

New Orleans: FG Andersen 45, 3:23  
Atlanta: Rison 24 pass from Miller (Johnson kick), 9:34

Atlanta: FG Johnson 45, 14:23  
New Orleans: FG Andersen 35, 14:57

#### Third Quarter

Atlanta: Haynes 20 pass from Miller (Johnson kick), 5:01

#### Fourth Quarter

New Orleans: Hilliard 1 run (Andersen kick), :50

Atlanta: FG Johnson 36, 7:17  
Atlanta: Haynes 61 pass from Miller (Johnson kick), 12:19

Attendance: 68,794

### Team Statistics

	Atlanta	New Orleans
First downs	20	23
Rushes-yards	22-79	22-65
Passing yards	255	265
Return yards	53	0
Comp-Att-Int	18-30-1	26-44-2
Sacked-yards lost	5-36	1-8
Punts	1-42	3-54
Fumbles-lost	3-1	2-1
Penalties-yards	6-48	5-49
Time of possession	26:52	33:08

### Individual Statistics

**Rushing:** Atlanta, Rozier 7-35, Pegram 11-26, Miller 4-18; New Orleans, McAfee 14-49, Hebert 1-9, Hilliard 4-5, Jordan 3-2

**Passing:** Atlanta, Miller 18-30-1-291; New Orleans, Hebert 26-44-2-273

**Receiving:** Atlanta, Haynes 6-144, Pritchard 5-63, Rison 4-56, Thomas 1-19, Pegram 1-5, Dixon 1-4; New Orleans, E. Martin 7-83, Turner 5-75, Early 5-41, Hilliard 5-33, Carroll 2-23, Tice 1-13, Jordan 1-5

**Missed Field Goals:** None

### AFC FIRST ROUND

N.Y. Jets	0	10	0	0	-10
Houston	7	7	0	3	-17

#### First Quarter

Houston: Givins 5 pass from Moon (Del Greco kick), 9:19

#### Second Quarter

New York: Toon 10 pass from O'Brien (Allegre kick), 2:44

Houston: Givins 20 pass from Moon (Del Greco kick), 11:04

New York: FG Allegre 33, 14:56

#### Fourth Quarter

Houston: FG Del Greco 53, 1:31  
Attendance: 61,485

### Team Statistics

	New York	Houston
First downs	18	21
Rushes-yards	23-71	20-71
Passing yards	214	232
Return yards	0	32
Comp-Att-Int	21-31-3	28-40-1
Sacked-yards lost	1-7	4-39
Punts	2-36	2-45
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-1
Penalties-yards	5-45	8-55
Time of possession	26:20	33:40



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## Individual Statistics

**Rushing:** New York, Hector 12-46, Baxter 5-14, O'Brien 2-10, McNeil 4-1; Houston, White 17-65, Moon 3-6

**Passing:** New York, O'Brien 21-31-3-221; Houston, Moon 28-40-1-271

**Receiving:** New York, Toon 8-96, Moore 4-70, McNeil 4-23, Boyer 3-20, Mathis 2-12;

Houston, Hill 9-77, Givins 6-83, Jeffries 4-49, White 4-31, Duncan 4-24, Harris 1-7

**Missed Field Goal:** Houston, Del Greco 46

## AFC FIRST ROUND

L.A. Raiders ..... 0..... 3..... 3..... 0 — 6  
Kansas City ..... 0..... 7..... 0..... 3 — 10

### Second Quarter

Kansas City: F. Jones 11 pass from DeBerg (Lowery kick), 9:53

Los Angeles: FG Jaeger 32, 14:34

### Third Quarter

Los Angeles: FG Jaeger 26, 6:41

### Fourth Quarter

Kansas City: FG Lowery 18, 4:34

Attendance: 75,827

## Team Statistics

	Los Angeles	Kansas City
First downs .....	16.....	16
Rushes-yards .....	30-152.....	39-131
Passing .....	124.....	73
Return yards .....	58.....	76
Comp-Att-Int .....	12-23-4.....	9-14-1
Sacked-yards lost .....	2-6.....	2-16
Punts .....	1-20.....	2-46
Fumbles-lost .....	2-2.....	2-1
Penalties-yards .....	9-75.....	3-20
Time of possession .....	29:28.....	30:32

## Individual Statistics

**Rushing:** Los Angeles, Bell 20-107, Allen 7-39, S. Smith 3-6; Kansas City, Word 33-130, H. Williams 2-4, Okoye 1-2, DeBerg 3-(-5)

**Passing:** Los Angeles, Marinovich 12-23-4-140; Kansas City, DeBerg 9-14-1-89

**Receiving:** Los Angeles, T. Brown 4-45, Horton 3-59, Fernandez 2-12, Gault 1-11, S. Smith 1-9, Allen 1-4; Kansas City, R. Thomas 3-18, B. Jones 2-25, F. Jones 2-20, Birden 1-18, Word 1-8

**Missed Field Goals:** Kansas City, Lowery 33, 47

## NFC SECOND ROUND

Atlanta ..... 0..... 7..... 0..... 0 — 7  
Washington ..... 0..... 14..... 3..... 7 — 24

### Second Quarter

Washington: Ervins 17 run (Lohmiller kick), 2:24

Washington: Riggs 2 run (Lohmiller kick), 5:35

Atlanta: T. Johnson 1 run (N. Johnson kick), 14:03

### Third Quarter

Washington: FG Lohmiller 24, 8:06

### Fourth Quarter

Washington: Riggs 1 run (Lohmiller kick), 8:28

Attendance: 55,181

## Team Statistics

	Atlanta	Washington
First downs .....	12.....	22
Rushes-yards .....	14-43.....	45-162
Passing yards .....	150.....	170
Return yards .....	15.....	55
Comp-Att-Int .....	17-32-4.....	14-29-1
Sacked-yards lost .....	4-28.....	0-0
Punts .....	4-42.....	4-39
Fumbles-lost .....	3-2.....	0-0
Penalties-yards .....	3-19.....	4-23
Time of possession .....	23:52.....	36:08

## Individual Statistics

**Rushing:** Atlanta, T. Johnson 8-33, Chaffey 3-8, Pegram 3-2; Washington, Ervins 23-104, Byner 14-57, Riggs 4-7, Monk 1-(-2), Rypien 3-(-4)

**Passing:** Atlanta, Miller 17-32-4-178;

Washington, Rypien 14-29-1-170

**Receiving:** Atlanta, Rison 7-62, Pritchard 5-56, Dixon 2-19, Thomas 1-15, Haynes 1-15,

Phillips 1-11; Washington, Clark 6-64, Monk 3-45, Ervins 3-24, Sanders 1-26, Byner 1-11

**Missed Field Goals:** Atlanta, N. Johnson 45; Washington, Lohmiller 47, 37, 44

## NFC SECOND ROUND

Dallas ..... 3..... 3..... 0..... 0 — 6  
Detroit ..... 7..... 10..... 14..... 7 — 38

### First Quarter

Detroit: Green 31 pass from Kramer (Murray kick), 3:31

Dallas: FG Willis 28, 14:50

### Second Quarter

Detroit: Jenkins 41 interception return (Murray kick), 8:10

Dallas: FG Willis 28, 12:02

Detroit: FG Murray 36, 14:33

### Third Quarter

Detroit: Green 9 pass from Kramer (Murray kick), 13:41

Detroit: Moore 7 pass from Kramer (Murray kick), 14:46

### Fourth Quarter

Detroit: Sanders 47 run (Murray kick), 7:04

Attendance: 79,835

## Team Statistics

	Dallas	Detroit
First downs .....	16.....	23
Rushes-yards .....	22-97.....	16-84
Passing yards .....	179.....	337
Return yards .....	18.....	67
Comp-Att-Int .....	18-29-2.....	29-38-0
Sacked-yards lost .....	3-26.....	1-4
Punts .....	5-45.....	5-46
Fumbles-lost .....	3-2.....	0-0
Penalties-yards .....	3-19.....	4-39
Time of possession .....	30:21.....	29:39

## Individual Statistics

**Rushing:** Dallas, E. Smith 15-80, Agee 3-12, Johnston 1-3, Beuerlein 1-2, Aikman 2-0; Detroit, Sanders 12-69, Overton 3-17, Ware 1-(-2)

**Passing:** Dallas, Beuerlein 7-13-1-91, Aikman 11-16-1-114; Detroit, Kramer 29-38-0-341, Ware 0-0-0-0

**Receiving:** Dallas, Irvin 5-84, Harper 4-56, Novacek 4-55, Wright 1-7, Johnston 1-3, Awalt 1-2, E. Smith 1-2, Agee 1-(-4); Detroit, Green 8-115, Moore 6-87, Farr 5-62,

Sanders 5-30, Perriman 3-18, Clark 2-29

**Missed Field Goals:** None

## AFC SECOND ROUND

Houston ..... 14..... 7..... 0..... 3 — 24  
Denver ..... 6..... 7..... 3..... 10 — 26

### First Quarter

Houston: Jeffries 15 pass from Moon (Del Greco kick), 1:46

Houston: Hill 9 pass from Moon (Del Greco kick), 9:44

Denver: V. Johnson 10 pass from Elway (kick failed), 13:43

### Second Quarter

Houston: Duncan 6 pass from Moon (Del Greco kick), 4:05

Denver: Lewis 1 run (Treadwell kick), 14:21

### Third Quarter

Denver: FG Treadwell 49, 13:02

### Fourth Quarter

Houston: FG Del Greco 25, 1:35

Denver: Lewis 1 run (Treadwell kick), 8:07

Denver: FG Treadwell 28, 14:44

Attendance—75,301

## Team Statistics

	Houston	Denver
First downs .....	23.....	26
Rushes-yards .....	19-97.....	31-151
Passing yards .....	325.....	267
Return yards .....	25.....	0
Comp-Att-Int .....	27-36-1.....	20-34-1
Sacked-yards lost .....	0-0.....	0-0
Punts .....	1-44.....	2-41
Fumbles-lost .....	0-0.....	3-0
Penalties-yards .....	13-85.....	6-70
Time of possession .....	30:26.....	29:34

## Individual Statistics

**Rushing:** Houston, White 17-79, Moon 2-18; Denver, Green 17-59, Sewell 4-48, Elway 6-39, Rivers 1-3, Lewis 3-2

**Passing:** Houston, Moon 27-36-1-325; Denver, Elway 19-33-1-257, Sewell 1-1-0-10

**Receiving:** Houston, Jeffries 7-99, Givins 6-111, Duncan 6-40, White 5-35, Hill 2-21, T. Jones 1-19; Denver, V. Johnson 5-78,

Young 4-85, Sewell 3-28, Sharpe 3-20, Nattiel 2-27, Russell 1-20, Kay 1-8,

Green 1-1

**Missed Field Goals:** Houston, Del Greco 33

## AFC SECOND ROUND

Kansas City ..... 0..... 0..... 7..... 7 — 14  
Buffalo ..... 7..... 10..... 7..... 13 — 37

### First Quarter

Buffalo: Reed 25 pass from Kelly (Norwood kick), 14:08

### Second Quarter

Buffalo: Reed 53 pass from Kelly (Norwood kick), 4:25

Buffalo: FG Norwood 33, 14:58

### Third Quarter

Buffalo: Lofton 10 pass from Kelly (Norwood kick), 3:07

Kansas City: Word 3 run (Lowery kick), 11:52

### Fourth Quarter

Buffalo: FG Norwood 20, 4:06

Buffalo: FG Norwood 47, 5:52

Buffalo: Davis 5 run (Norwood kick), 10:03

Kansas City: F. Jones 20 pass from Vlasic (Lowery kick), 12:53

Attendance: 80,182



## Team Statistics

	Kansas City	Buffalo
First downs	14	29
Rushes-yards	24-77	46-180
Passing yards	136	268
Return yards	39	38
Comp-Att-Int	14-29-4	23-35-3
Sacked-yards lost	1-10	1-5
Punts	7-40	3-33
Fumbles-lost	3-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	10-59	6-40
Time of possession	25:51	34:09

## Individual Statistics

**Rushing:** Kansas City, Word 15-50, H. Williams 8-24, McNair 1-3; Buffalo, T. Thomas 22-100, Davis 19-75, Reed 1-6, Kelly 1-2, Reich 3-(-3)  
**Passing:** Kansas City, DeBerg 5-9-0-22, Vlasic 9-20-4-124; Buffalo, Kelly 23-35-3-273, Reich 0-0-0-0  
**Receiving:** Kansas City, McNair 5-52, F. Jones 3-31, Birden 2-19, Hayes 1-21, Barnett 1-20, B. Jones 1-2, R. Thomas 1-1; Buffalo, Beebe 6-77, McKeller 5-34, Reed 4-100, T. Thomas 4-21, Lofton 3-34, Edwards 1-7  
**Missed Field Goals:** None

## NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Detroit	0	10	0	0-10
Washington	10	7	10	14-41

### First Quarter

Washington: Riggs 2 run (Lohmiller kick), 1:06  
 Washington: FG Lohmiller 20, 4:02

### Second Quarter

Detroit: Green 18 pass from Kramer (Murray kick), 2:25  
 Washington: Riggs 3 run (Lohmiller kick), 7:16  
 Detroit: FG Murray 30, 14:23

### Third Quarter

Washington: FG Lohmiller 28, 3:08  
 Washington: Clark 45 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick), 12:37

### Fourth Quarter

Washington: Monk 21 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick), 4:15  
 Washington: Green 32 interception return (Lohmiller kick), 4:49  
 Attendance: 55,585

## Team Statistics

	Detroit	Washington
First downs	20	17
Rushes-yards	18-72	35-117
Passing yards	232	228
Return yards	13	83
Comp-Att-Int	25-42-2	12-17-0
Sacked-yards lost	5-32	0-0
Punts	3-47	3-36
Fumbles-lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	7-46	4-46
Time of possession	31:24	28:36

## Individual Statistics

**Rushing:** Detroit, B. Sanders 11-44, Ware 2-25, Kramer 4-4, Long 1-(-1); Washington, Byner 17-62, Ervins 13-53, Riggs 2-5, Rypien 3-(-3)  
**Passing:** Detroit, Kramer 21-33-1-249, Ware 4-9-1-15; Washington, Rypien 12-17-0-228  
**Receiving:** Detroit, Farr 6-73, Perriman 5-43, Moore 4-69, W. Green 4-54, B. Sanders 4-15, Overton 2-10; Washington, Monk 5-94, Clark 4-77, R. Sanders 2-12, Orr 1-45  
**Missed Field Goals:** Detroit, Murray 44; Washington, Lohmiller 51

## AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Denver	0	0	0	7-7
Buffalo	0	0	7	3-10

### Third Quarter

Buffalo: Bailey 11 interception return (Norwood kick), 9:32

### Fourth Quarter

Buffalo: FG Norwood 44, 10:42  
 Denver: Kubiak 3 run (Treadwell kick), 13:17  
 Attendance: 80,272

## Team Statistics

	Denver	Buffalo
First downs	20	12
Rushes-yards	32-81	35-104
Passing yards	223	109
Return yards	41	11
Comp-Att-Int	22-33-1	13-25-2
Sacked-yards lost	4-34	1-8
Punts	6-44	8-38
Fumbles-lost	4-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	4-20	6-35
Time of possession	34:53	25:07

## Individual Statistics

**Rushing:** Denver, Green 19-53, Kubiak 3-22, Elway 4-10, Sewell 4-3, Johnson 2-(-7); Buffalo, Thomas 26-72, Reed 1-16, Kelly 2-9, Davis 6-7  
**Passing:** Denver, Elway 11-21-1-121, Kubiak 11-12-0-136; Buffalo, Kelly 13-25-2-117  
**Receiving:** Denver, Johnson 8-104, Sewell 7-78, Sharpe 3-40, Young 3-25, Nattiel 1-10; Buffalo, McKeller 3-39, Thomas 3-15, Reed 2-19, Davis 2-13, Metzelaars 1-14, Lofton 1-11, Beebe 1-6  
**Missed Field Goals:** Denver, Treadwell 47, 42, 37

## SUPER BOWL XXVI

At Minneapolis, MN, January 26

Washington	0	17	14	6-37
Buffalo	0	0	10	14-24

### Second Quarter

Washington: FG Lohmiller 34, 1:58  
 Washington: Byner 10 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick), 5:06  
 Washington: Riggs 1 run (Lohmiller kick), 7:43

### Third Quarter

Washington: Riggs 2 run (Lohmiller kick), 1:16  
 Buffalo: FG Norwood 21, 3:01  
 Buffalo: Thomas 1 run (Norwood kick), 9:02  
 Washington: Clark 30 pass from Rypien (Lohmiller kick), 13:36

### Fourth Quarter

Washington: FG Lohmiller 25, :06  
 Washington: FG Lohmiller 39, 3:24  
 Buffalo: Metzelaars 2 pass from Kelly (Norwood kick), 9:01  
 Buffalo: Beebe 4 pass from Kelly (Norwood kick), 11:05  
 Attendance: 63,130

## Team Statistics

	Washington	Buffalo
First downs	24	25
Rushes-yards	40-125	18-43
Passing yards	292	240
Return yards	79	13
Comp-Att-Int	18-33-1	29-59-4
Sacked-yards lost	0-0	5-46
Punts	4-37	6-35
Fumbles-lost	1-0	6-1
Penalties-yards	5-82	6-50
Time of possession	33:43	26:17

## Individual Statistics

**Rushing:** Washington, Ervins 13-72, Byner 14-49, Riggs 5-7, Sanders 1-1, Rutledge 1-0, Rypien 6-(-4); Buffalo, Davis 4-17, Kelly 3-16, Thomas 10-13, Lofton 1-(-3)  
**Passing:** Washington, Rypien 18-33-1-292; Buffalo, Kelly 28-58-4-275, Reich 1-1-0-11  
**Receiving:** Washington, Clark 7-114, Monk 7-113, Byner 3-24, Sanders 1-41; Buffalo, Lofton 7-92, Reed 5-34, Beebe 4-61, Davis 4-38, Thomas 4-27, McKeller 2-29, A. Edwards 1-11, Metzelaars 1-2, Kelly 1-(-8)  
**Missed Field Goals:** None

## PAST SUPER BOWLS

1967...Green Bay 35, Kansas City 10  
 1968...Green Bay 33, Oakland 14  
 1969...New York Jets 16, Baltimore 7  
 1970...Kansas City 23, Minnesota 7  
 1971...Baltimore 16, Dallas 13  
 1972...Dallas 24, Miami 3  
 1973...Miami 14, Washington 7  
 1974...Miami 24, Minnesota 7  
 1975...Pittsburgh 16, Minnesota 6  
 1976...Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 17  
 1977...Oakland 32, Minnesota 14  
 1978...Dallas 27, Denver 10  
 1979...Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31  
 1980...Pittsburgh 31, Los Angeles Rams 19  
 1981...Oakland 27, Philadelphia 10  
 1982...San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 21  
 1983...Washington 27, Miami 17  
 1984...Los Angeles Raiders 38, Washington 9  
 1985...San Francisco 38, Miami 16  
 1986...Chicago 46, New England 10  
 1987...New York Giants 39, Denver 20  
 1988...Washington 42, Denver 10  
 1989...San Francisco 20, Cincinnati 16  
 1990...San Francisco 55, Denver 10  
 1991...New York Giants 20, Buffalo 19  
 1992...Washington 37, Buffalo 24

## SUPER BOWL MVPs

1967...Bart Starr, Green Bay Packers  
 1968...Bart Starr, Green Bay Packers  
 1969...Joe Namath, New York Jets  
 1970...Len Dawson, Kansas City Chiefs  
 1971...Chuck Howley, Dallas Cowboys  
 1972...Roger Staubach, Dallas Cowboys  
 1973...Jake Scott, Miami Dolphins  
 1974...Larry Csonka, Miami Dolphins  
 1975...Franco Harris, Pittsburgh Steelers  
 1976...Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh Steelers  
 1977...Fred Biletnikoff, Oakland Raiders  
 1978...Randy White and Harvey Martin, Dallas Cowboys  
 1979...Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh Steelers  
 1980...Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh Steelers  
 1981...Jim Plunkett, Oakland Raiders  
 1982...Joe Montana, San Francisco 49ers  
 1983...John Riggins, Washington Redskins  
 1984...Marcus Allen, Los Angeles Raiders  
 1985...Joe Montana, San Francisco 49ers  
 1986...Richard Dent, Chicago Bears  
 1987...Phil Simms, New York Giants  
 1988...Doug Williams, Washington Redskins  
 1989...Jerry Rice, San Francisco 49ers  
 1990...Joe Montana, San Francisco 49ers  
 1991...Otis Anderson, New York Giants  
 1992...Mark Rypien, Washington Redskins



## RECEPTIONS

Steve Largent	819
MONK, Art, Redskins	801
Charlie Joiner	750
LOFTON, James, Bills	699
Ozzie Newsome	662
Charley Taylor	649
Don Maynard	633
Raymond Berry	631
Harold Carmichael	590
Fred Biletnikoff	589
Harold Jackson	579
Lionel Taylor	567
Wes Chandler	559
Stanley Morgan	557
GREEN, Roy, Eagles	551
J.T. Smith	544
Lance Alworth	542
Kellen Winslow	541
HILL, Drew, Falcons	540
John Stallworth	537
RICE, Jerry, 49ers	526
CRAIG, Roger, Vikings	525
Bobby Mitchell	521
Nat Moore	510
CLAYTON, Mark, Dolphins	507
Dwight Clark	506
Billy Howton	503
Cliff Branch	501
Tommy McDonald	495
Ahmad Rashad	495
Drew Pearson	489
Don Hutson	488
TOON, Al, Jets	486
CLARK, Gary, Redskins	485
ELLARD, Henry, Rams	485
Jackie Smith	480
Art Powell	479
Boyd Dowler	474
SHULER, Mickey, Eagles	462
Roy Jefferson	451
Haven Moses	448

## PASSING YARDAGE

Fran Tarkenton	47,003
Dan Fouts	43,040
Johnny Unitas	40,239
MARINO, Dan, Dolphins	35,386
MONTANA, Joe, 49ers	34,998
Jim Hart	34,665
John Hadl	33,513
Ken Anderson	32,838
Sonny Jurgensen	32,224
John Brodie	31,548
DeBERG, Steve, Buccaneers	31,455
Norm Snead	30,558
Joe Ferguson	29,817
SIMMS, Phil, Giants	29,512
Roman Gabriel	29,444
Len Dawson	28,711
Y.A. Tittle	28,339
Ron Jaworski	28,190
Terry Bradshaw	27,989
ELWAY, John, Broncos	27,974
Ken Stabler	27,938
Craig Morton	27,908
MOON, Warren, Oilers	27,679
Joe Namath	27,663
George Blanda	26,920
Steve Grogan	26,886
Bobby Layne	26,768
KRIEG, Dave, Chiefs	26,132
Joe Theismann	25,206
Bob Griese	25,092
Bart Starr	24,718
ESIASON, Boomer, Bengals	24,264
O'BRIEN, Ken, Jets	23,744
Neil Lomax	22,771
Roger Staubach	22,700
Danny White	21,959

## TOUCHDOWN PASSES

Fran Tarkenton	342
Johnny Unitas	290
MARINO, Dan, Dolphins	266
Sonny Jurgensen	255
Dan Fouts	254
John Hadl	244
MONTANA, Joe, 49ers	242
Len Dawson	239
George Blanda	236
John Brodie	214
Terry Bradshaw	212
Y.A. Tittle	209
Jim Hart	201
Roman Gabriel	197
Ken Anderson	196
Joe Ferguson	196
Bobby Layne	196
Norm Snead	195
KRIEG, Dave, Chiefs	194
Ken Stabler	192
Bob Griese	187
Sammy Baugh	183
DeBERG, Steve, Buccaneers	183
Craig Morton	182
Steve Grogan	179
Ron Jaworski	179
SIMMS, Phil, Giants	179
Joe Namath	173

## INTERCEPTIONS

Paul Krause	81
Emlen Tunnell	79
Dick Lane	68
Dick LeBeau	65
Ken Riley	62
Dave Brown	62
LOTT, Ronnie, Raiders	59
Emmitt Thomas	58
Mel Blount	57
Bobby Boyd	57
Johnny Robinson	57
Lem Barney	56
Pat Fischer	56
Willie Brown	54
WALLS, Everson, Giants	54
Jack Butler	52
Bobby Dillon	52
Jim Patton	52
Mel Renfro	52
Larry Wilson	51
Bobby Bryant	51
Donnie Shell	51

## RUSHING YARDAGE

Walter Payton	16,726
Tony Dorsett	12,739
DICKERSON, Eric, Raiders	12,439
Jim Brown	12,312
Franco Harris	12,120
John Riggins	11,352
O.J. Simpson	11,236
ANDERSON, Otis, Giants	10,242
Earl Campbell	9,407
Jim Taylor	8,597
Joe Perry	8,378
ALLEN, Marcus, Raiders	8,244
RIGGS, Gerald, Redskins	8,188
Larry Csonka	8,081
BROOKS, James, Browns	7,918
McNEIL, Freeman, Jets	7,904
CRAIG, Roger, Vikings	7,654
Mike Pruitt	7,378
Leroy Kelly	7,274
George Rogers	7,176
Curt Warner	6,844
John Henry Johnson	6,803
Chuck Muncie	6,702
Mark van Eeghen	6,651
Lawrence McCutcheon	6,578
Lydell Mitchell	6,534
Floyd Little	6,323

## POINTS

George Blanda	2,002
Jan Stenerud	1,699
LEAHY, Pat, Jets	1,470
Jim Turner	1,439
Mark Moseley	1,382
Jim Bakken	1,380
Fred Cox	1,365
Lou Groza	1,349
LOWERY, Nick, Chiefs	1,262
Chris Bahr	1,213
BREECH, Jim, Bengals	1,158
Gino Cappelletti	1,130
Ray Wersching	1,122
MURRAY, Eddie, Lions	1,113
Don Cockcroft	1,080
Garo Yepremian	1,074
BAHR, Matt, Giants	1,065
Bruce Gossett	1,031
ANDERSON, Gary, Steelers	1,010
Sam Baker	977
ANDERSEN, Morten, Saints	965
Rafael Septien	960
Lou Michaels	955
JOHNSON, Norm, Falcons	905
Roy Gerela	903
Bobby Walston	881
Tony Franklin	872
Pete Gogolak	863
Errol Mann	846
Don Hutson	823
Rich Karlis	799
Mike Lansford	789
Paul Hornung	760

## TOUCHDOWNS

Jim Brown	126
Walter Payton	125
John Riggins	116
Lenny Moore	113
Don Hutson	105
Steve Largent	101
Franco Harris	100
RICE, Jerry, 49ers	97
ALLEN, Marcus, Raiders	95
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# CAUGHT IN THE DRAFT

**A team-by-team look at the winners and losers**

by **FRANK LITSKY** NEW YORK TIMES

● According to one student of sport, the National Football League draft consists of a five- or six-second announcement by the commissioner that some team had picked some player, followed by 15 minutes of screaming by analysts telling what a terrible pick it was.

The description is not that wild because the draft is a haven for second-guessers. In 1992, it was also laden with intrigue. Some teams maneuvering for franchise players sent out false signals on whom they wanted. They confused the opposition and sometimes outsmarted themselves. Other teams, not sure which of two players to take, ended up with both of them.

**Desmond Howard**  
*Michigan*

to be sure they could sign their draftees quickly rather than string out negotiations all summer and have them miss training camp.

The Indianapolis Colts solved that signing problem neatly. Because their record was the worst in the NFL in 1991, they owned the first pick in this draft. Because they collected a first-round choice last year from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for Chris Chandler, a backup quarterback who did not last the season, they also owned the second pick. The Colts made it clear that their first pick would be Steve Emtman, the 290-pound defensive tackle from the University of Washington. A week before the draft, their second pick seemed likely to be Desmond Howard, Michigan's wide receiver and Heisman Trophy winner. Then they changed signals and seemed to favor Sean Gilbert, a defensive end from Pittsburgh. The day before the draft began, Gilbert was discarded for Quentin Coryatt, a king-sized pass-rushing line-backer from Texas A&M. That day, the Colts lightened their payroll by \$2.3 million by trading their unhappy running back, Eric Dickerson, to the Los Angeles Raiders for fourth- and eighth-round choices.

Then the Colts lined up four-year packages with both picks—\$9.2 million for Emtman and \$8.8 million for Coryatt.

Each package included a signing bonus of \$4,165,000.

With so many good players available, there were 22 draft-day trades, a record. Those trades included seven in the first round alone.

They paved the way for two surprise first-round picks: Howard



**Steve Emtman** *Washington*

by the Washington Redskins with the fourth choice overall and quarterback David Klingler of Houston by the Cincinnati Bengals with the sixth. Four of the first five choices on the first round, including Howard, were juniors. The 28 first-round choices included nine juniors and one sophomore, quarterback Tommy Maddox of UCLA.

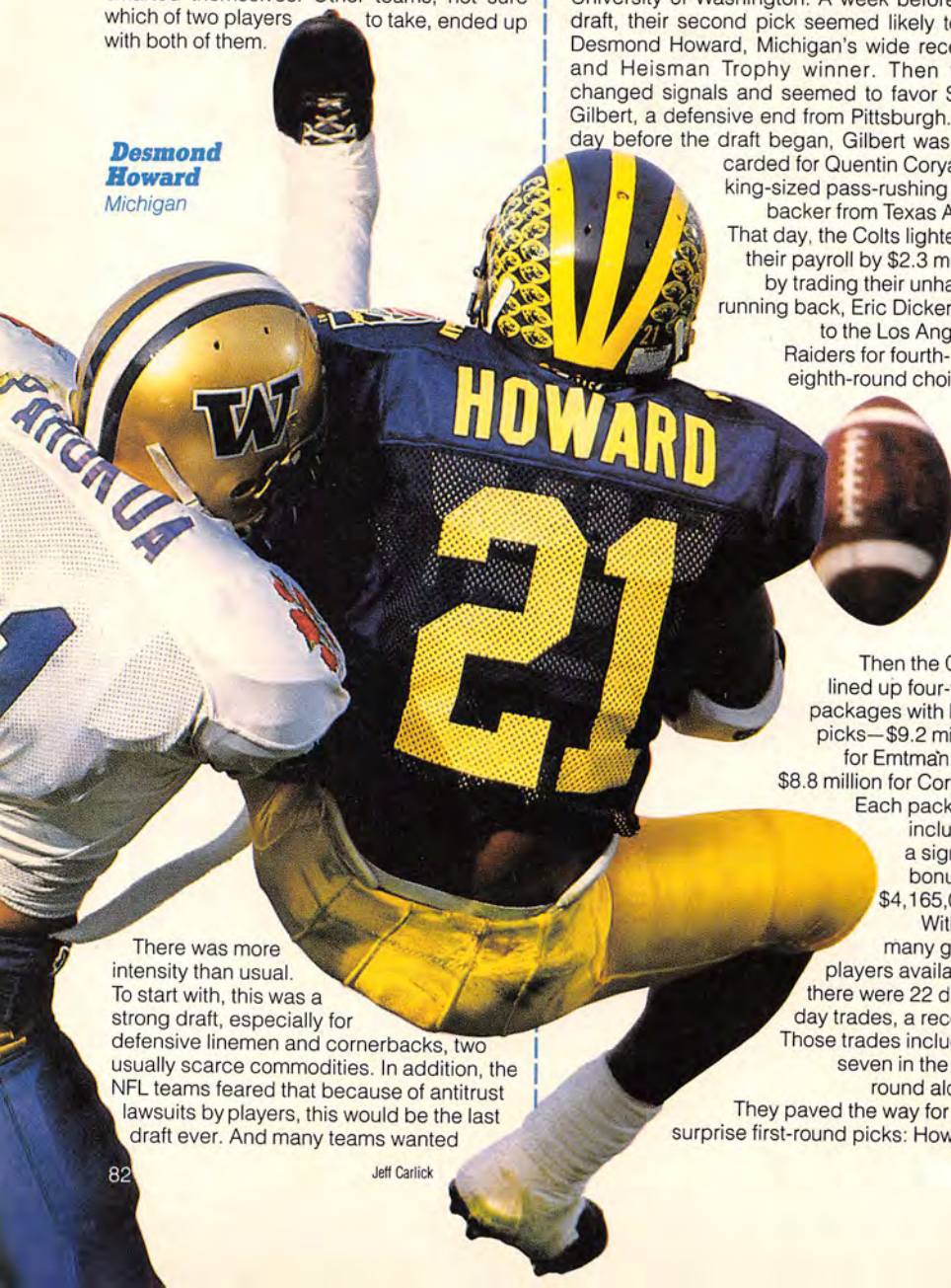
The best draft jobs? Five teams look like real winners: the Colts, the Redskins, the Dallas Cowboys, the Green Bay Packers, and the Miami Dolphins. The next-best group has nine teams: the Bengals, the Atlanta Falcons, the Detroit Lions, the Kansas City Chiefs, the Los Angeles Rams, the New England Patriots, the New Orleans Saints, the New York Giants, and the New York Jets.

That makes winners of 14 of the 28 teams. Too many? Of course not. Nobody has lost a game yet. Here is a look at each team's draft success (or lack of):

## ATLANTA FALCONS

Good job. They needed a power runner, young offensive linemen, and linebackers, and they got all three. They started with OT Bob Whitfield of Stanford (first round), a smart, overwhelming blocker who had not missed a play since his freshman year. He will take over for Mike Kenn, a 14-year fixture, and could become this generation's Anthony Munoz. Later in the first round, they got RB Tony Smith of Southern Mississippi, who is strong and fluid. They passed on the more heralded RB Vaughn Dunbar of Indiana because they felt they had a similar runner in Steve Broussard. LB Chuck Smith of Tennessee (third round) is active and will help. Family note: In the first four rounds, the team owned by Rankin Smith Sr. and Jr. loaded up with Tony Smith, Chuck Smith, and DB Frankie Smith. *continued*

There was more intensity than usual. To start with, this was a strong draft, especially for defensive linemen and cornerbacks, two usually scarce commodities. In addition, the NFL teams feared that because of antitrust lawsuits by players, this would be the last draft ever. And many teams wanted



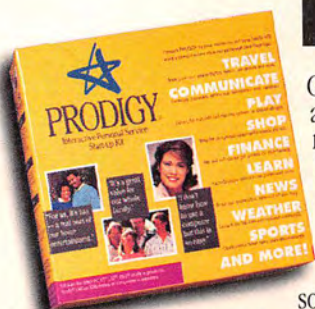
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# CAUGHT IN THE DRAFT

## BUFFALO BILLS

A decent draft, maybe, with a highly questionable start. They needed offensive linemen, as always, plus a tight end, defensive backs, and a defensive end. The first-round pick was baffling: OT John Fina of Arizona, rated a third-rounder by the scouting combines. He showed more promise in the classroom than on the field. Still, although he lacked strength, he played on goal-line defenses, which showed heart. DT James Patton of Texas (second round) is smallish at 276 pounds but



**Alonzo Spellman** Ohio State

quick. Third-round LB Keith Goganious of Penn State's linebacker factory is a steal. DE Frank Kmet of Purdue (fourth round) could help if Bruce Smith's surgical knee is still bad. They could have used a safety, but with Dana Hall and Dale Carter gone, they waited until the fifth round and took Matt Darby of UCLA.

## CHICAGO BEARS

Not bad. They wanted youth for the offensive line plus a pass rusher, a tight end, and a big running back. DE Alonzo Spellman of Ohio State (first round) is aggressive and has moves. He was an outside linebacker for two years, then a defensive end for two years. Some teams were wary of his dedication. If he becomes consistent, he can be the new Richard Dent until the year 2000. OT Troy Auzenne of California (second round) is a sound blocker and can step in for the departed Jimbo Covert. CB Jeremy Lincoln of Tennessee (third round) is a good cover man and a willing hitter. QB Will Furrer of Virginia Tech (fourth round) is a project with talent, and the Bears can wait for him to develop.

## CINCINNATI BENGALS

A clever job of getting blue-ribbon prospects. The prime needs were on defense: linemen, inside linebackers, and cornerbacks. But when they put QB David Klingler of Houston through a sensational workout, they were determined to get him at any cost and let him learn behind 31-year-old Boomer Esiason. So they put out a smoke screen that they really wanted CB Troy Vincent of Wisconsin, then traded down from fourth to sixth and got Klingler anyway. He was clearly the best quarterback available, and the Chiefs and the Patriots, among others, coveted him. Not so

Esiason, who was hoping for defensive help and not a rival quarterback. "Can David rush the passer?" the Boomer asked sarcastically. CB Darryl Williams of Miami (last pick of first round) has speed. WR Carl Pickens of Tennessee (second round), with his speed and good hands, was a steal.

## CLEVELAND BROWNS

Not bad. Help was needed almost everywhere: defensive end, linebacker, cornerback, tight end, offensive line, and a next-generation quarterback. Coach Bill Belichick worked out more than 200 prospects himself. With all those needs, they made a surprising first-round choice of FB Tommy Vardell of Stanford, who is big (235 pounds), strong, fast enough, and bright. The Browns have lacked a horse like that. WR Patrick Rowe of San Diego State (second round) is a speedster. DT Bill Johnson of Michigan State (third round) could be a steal. He might have been a first-rounder had he not hurt a knee when he fell on the stairs (official version) or got into a fight. WR Augustin Olobia of Washington State (11th round) beat Rocket Ismail for a 1991 NCAA sprint title.

## DALLAS COWBOYS

Excellent, and why not? They had the final pearls of the Herschel Walker trade to the Minnesota Vikings: a first-, a second-, and a third-rounder. That gave them four of the first 37 picks and six in the first three rounds. They sought help at defensive back, middle linebacker, defensive end, and in the offensive line. CB Kevin Smith of Texas A&M (first round) is a ball hawk who ranked right behind Terrell Buckley and Troy Vincent on most boards. ILB Robert Jones of North Carolina, although not huge at 6-2 and 236 pounds, is strong and intimidating. He should take over in the middle for Jack Del Rio and Darrick Brownlow, both Plan B defectors. WR Jimmy Smith of Jackson State (second round) is fast and smooth. Was DB Darren Woodson of Arizona State (second round) a reach?

## DENVER BRONCOS

Puzzling and probably bad. Here was a team that almost made the Super Bowl and could contend again with a little immediate help. So what does it do? Instead of reaching for a defensive end or defensive back or offensive tackle or wide receiver, it spends its first-round pick on QB Tommy Maddox of UCLA, a sophomore with physical gifts but little experience. Fortunately for him, he has time to learn while backing up John Elway. "This is definitely a pick for the future," said coach Dan Reeves. "When you pick 25th, you have to take a shot." DE Shane Dronett of Texas (second round) can rush the passer and OG Chuck Johnson of Texas is a good drive blocker who may take time to develop. The Broncos unsuccessfully tried to trade unhappy RB Bobby Humphrey for draft help.

## DETROIT LIONS

Good draft with great potential, considering they had only seven picks. The big need was for a pass-rushing defensive end or linebacker or both. Before the draft, they offered half of Detroit to sign OLB Pat Swilling of the Saints, a

restricted free agent. When that failed, they tried to trade up to get a tight end for their new offense. When that failed, they used the 26th pick of the first round for DE Robert Porcher of South Carolina State, a pass rusher who some teams thought would last until the third round. OLB Tracy Scroggins of Tulsa (second round) is another pass-rushing gem. With the last pick of the second round, they chose PK Jason Hanson of Washington State, and the next day Eddie Murray, their kicker for 12 years, cleared out his locker. A needed tight end, Thomas McLemore of Southern University, arrived on the third round.

## GREEN BAY PACKERS

Intriguing and maybe excellent, even though they didn't get the wide receiver of their dreams, Desmond Howard. They needed a receiver, a running back, and a pass-rushing defensive end. When the Redskins traded up to the pick before them and took Howard, they settled for CB Terrell Buckley of Florida State, a small (5-9, 174) but great talent and a dash-



**David Klingler** Houston

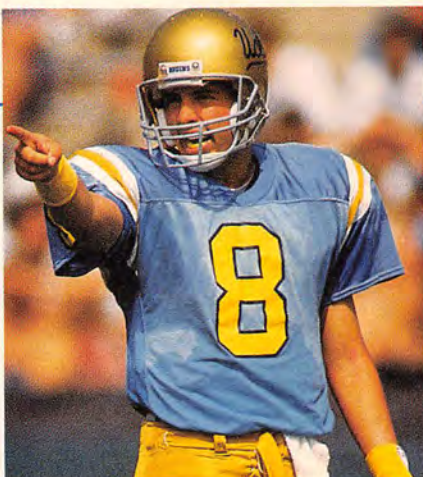
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ing punt returner. Then came four players who should contribute quickly: versatile LB Mark D'Onofrio of Penn State (second round), WR Robert Brooks of South Carolina (third round), RB Edgar Bennett of Florida State (fourth round), and WR Orlando McKay of Washington (fifth round). Interesting pick: QB Ty Detmer of Brigham Young (ninth round), the 1990 Heisman Trophy winner who is small (5-9, 174) and lacks a strong arm.

## HOUSTON OILERS

Not inspiring. Three wide receivers, including the 35-year-old Drew Hill, were lost in Plan B, a bad deal for a run-and-shoot team that needs receivers by the carload. Besides, the first-round choice was traded to the Chargers a year ago for DE Lee Williams. The Oilers' best picks were LB Eddie Robinson of Alabama State (second round), a dean's list student and run-stopper, and RB (who may become WR) Corey Harris of Vanderbilt (third round). Sleeper: LB Joe Bowden of Oklahoma (fifth round). Wide receivers: almost as afterthoughts, Mario Bailey, a 162-pound All-America from Washington (sixth round); Elbert Turner of Illinois (seventh round), and Dion Johnson of East Carolina (10th round).





**Tommy Maddox** UCLA

Mel Bailey

## INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Marvelous. They needed defensive linemen, defensive backs, a tight end, and help for a laggard running game. Most of all, they needed defense because the new coach, Ted Marchibroda, is bringing a no-huddle offense from the Bills, and a no-huddle without good defense is no good. With the first two picks of the draft, they took DT Steve Emtman of Washington, a marvelous inside pass rusher, and LB Quentin Coryatt of Texas A&M, who can handle blockers of all sizes. In the second round, they got CB Ashley Ambrose, a skinny but effective cover man from Mississippi Valley State, the school that produced Jerry Rice. For the offense, they added through subtraction by sending unhappy RB Eric Dickerson to the Raiders.

## KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

A good show by a team that tried unsuccessfully to trade up to get the quarterback it really wanted, David Klingler. In the second round, the Chiefs did trade up and grabbed 6-6 QB Matt Blundin of Virginia, one pick before the Giants might have taken him. Now Blundin, more experienced in basketball than in football, can learn while the 34-year-old Dave Krieg tries to hold the fort. They also wanted a wide receiver, offensive linemen, and defensive backs. They got S Dale Carter of Tennessee (first round), who can play all four secondary positions, and 25-year-old DT Mike Evans of Michigan (fourth round). Sleepers: WR Tony Smith of Notre Dame (sixth round), C Jay Leeuwenburg of Colorado (ninth round), and DB Corey Williams of Oklahoma State, a basketball player (12th round).

## LOS ANGELES RAIDERS

Hard to figure, which is standard for an Al Davis draft. In Plan B, they addressed needs by signing linebackers Aundray Bruce and Anthony Bell. Before the draft, they tried to get QB Steve Young but wouldn't give up the draft choices the 49ers wanted. For reasons mortal men could not fathom, they dealt with the Colts for temperamental RB Eric Dickerson, a typical Raiders' reclamation project. In the draft, they looked for defensive and offensive linemen and defensive backs. With only seven picks, they started with two monsters—335-pound DT Chester McGlockton of Clemson

(first round) and 315-pound OT Greg Skrepenak of Michigan (second round)—both perceived to rely more on size than on effort. DB Derrick Hoskins of Southern Mississippi (fifth round) will help.

## LOS ANGELES RAMS

Neatly done, with slight reservations. They wanted pretty much everything: defensive linemen, linebackers, cornerbacks, running backs, and offensive linemen. With the third pick overall, they hoped DT Steve Emtman would slip down to them. When he didn't, they happily took DE Sean Gilbert of Pittsburgh a 315-pounder who is tough to move, and DT Marc Boutte of Louisiana State (third round), a quick 298-pounder who can create havoc rushing up the middle. Some draftniks insist Gilbert is better than Emtman. CB Steve Israel of Pittsburgh (second round) has blazing speed (4.26 seconds for 40 yards), but he is inconsistent and the prognosis for him is boom or bust. WR Todd Kinchen of Louisiana State (third round) should help.

## MIAMI DOLPHINS

Great job. The needs were mostly on defense—linemen who could stop the run and cornerbacks who can cover—and the offense required a running back who could turn the corner. The defense is switching to a 4-3 and collected two first-round gems. First came CB Troy Vincent, a fast, sophisticated cover man and punt returner who had figured to go earli-

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er. Then came DE/OLB Marco Coleman, a 259-pound pass rusher with quickness but questionable speed. OG Eddie Blake of Auburn (second round), a 321-pounder who runs 40 yards in 5.08 seconds, will be tried at nose tackle. DT Larry Webster of Maryland (third round) is strong against the run. Four of the first five picks were on defense, and the fifth is Blake, who may end up there. A fast running back? Maybe next year.

### MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Poor. They long ago surrendered the choices in the first, second, and third rounds for Herschel Walker, who doesn't want to play for them and can't find a team that wants him. They needed a linebacker, a free safety, and offensive linemen, but their first pick was supposed to be 98th overall. The night before the draft, they traded DT Keith Millard, coming off reconstructive knee surgery, to the Seahawks for a second-round choice (39th overall). They



Joel Steed Colorado

John Williamson

used it to get DT Robert Harris of Southern University, agile enough at 285 pounds to loop around the defensive end and get to the quarterback. Their next choice was DT Roy Barker of North Carolina. Sleeper: backup QB Brad Johnson of Florida State (ninth round).

### NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

A productive draft, but you have to follow the bouncing ball. When their main target, QB David Klingler, was taken with the sixth pick overall, they traded down from eighth to 19th on the first round and looked for an offensive lineman. When Bob Whitfield, Ray Roberts, and Leon Searcy went on the eighth, 10th, and 11th picks, they traded up to 13th for OT (who may become OG) Eugene Chung of Virginia Tech, a fine blocker and a brown belt in judo. CB Rod Smith of Notre Dame (on a second-round trade-up) can play anywhere in the secondary and fills a need. So does LB Todd Collins of Carson-Newman (third round), who may require seasoning. RB Kevin Turner of Alabama (third round) and LB Dwayne Sabb of New Hampshire (fifth round) should contribute. Everything but a quarterback.

### NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Good draft. The needs were wide receiver, tight end, running back, defensive backs, and

overall speed. Imagine their surprise when, on the 21st pick of the first round, they were able to get RB Vaughn Dunbar of Indiana. He had figured to be the first running back taken, but Tommy Vardell and Tony Smith were instead. Dunbar is stocky and quick and can break tackles. The secondary added Tyrone Leggett of Nebraska (third round), a small, aggressive cornerback who can cover, and Sean Lumpkin of Minnesota (fourth round), who has fine potential. Torrance Small of Alcorn State (fifth round) was the best they could do at tight end, but they got help everywhere else they looked.

### NEW YORK GIANTS

Promising. They wanted a pass-rushing defensive end, a cornerback, an outside linebacker, a tight end, and maybe a quarterback and a wide receiver. Defense figured to be the first priority, but with Mark Bavaro's career over, they quickly took two tight ends: Derek Brown of Notre Dame (first round) and Aaron Pierce of Washington (third round). Both are big and can be useful receivers. CB Phillip Sparks of Arizona State (second round) must prove he is fast enough. They took defensive linemen in the fourth, sixth, seventh, and 10th rounds, led by DE Keith Hamilton of Pittsburgh (fourth round). If Hamilton matures on and off the field, he could be a star. When they missed QBs David Klingler on the first round and Matt Blundin on the second, they settled for Kent Graham of Ohio State on the eighth.

### NEW YORK JETS

Good to very good. They wanted a tight end, an offensive tackle, a pass-rushing defensive end or tackle, and an outside linebacker. They got all except the defensive lineman. One pick after the Giants took Derek Brown, the Jets took sophomore TE Johnny Mitchell of Nebraska and said they had him rated ahead of Brown. Mitchell, a Keith Jackson type with sure hands who can run after the catch, is either a reach or a steal. New linebackers: Kurt Barber of Southern Cal (second round), a hitter who could start immediately on the strong side, and Keo Coleman of Mississippi State (fourth round). OT Siupeli Malamala of Washington (third round), a 315-pounder from Tonga, was expected to go higher.

### PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Fair at best. Last year, they traded their '92 first-round choice to pick OT Antone Davis, who had a rocky year. This time, they needed a running back badly plus offensive linemen and linebackers. They made no secret that they wanted RB Amp Lee of Florida State, but the 49ers grabbed him on the second round, three picks before they would choose. So the Eagles took two running backs high: TB Siran Stacy of Alabama (second round), who lacks breakaway speed, and FB Tony Brooks of Notre Dame (fourth round), who can play tailback. DT Tommy Jeter of Texas (third round) is a good pass rusher for a team that has plenty of them. QB Casey Weldon of Florida State (fourth round) could help in a few years.

### PHOENIX CARDINALS

Uninspiring. They shipped their first-round choice (which turned out to be the seventh



Marco Coleman Georgia Tech

Bob Rosato

overall) to the Dolphins last year for WR Randall Hill, who will be good. They had to upgrade an aging line and find help for battered running backs and the starting quarterback. The quarterback help was essential because Timm Rosenbach is returning from knee surgery. Tom Tupa and Stan Gelbaugh left via Plan B, and newcomer Chris Chandler is no solution. The first player they took was QB Tony Sacca of Penn State (second round), who has size (6-5, 234), a good arm, erratic streaks, and mixed reviews. Offensive linemen came next: 289-pound C Ed Cunningham of Washington (third round) and 294-pound OT Jeff Christy of Pittsburgh (fourth round).

### PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Fair, nothing special. Bill Cowher, the new head coach, and Ron Erhardt, the new offensive coordinator, want big offensive linemen rather than the smaller trappers and pullers the Steelers have always had. They got a great beginning with OT Leon Searcy of Miami (first round), whose 295 pounds include size-17EEE feet. He looms as an immediate starter at right tackle. ILB Levon Kirkland of Clemson (second round) and NT Joel Steed of Colorado (third round) could help quickly, but Kirkland needs more bulk. They wanted a quarterback but waited until the 12th round for Cornelius Benton of Connecticut. They never found a back with verve, but if they get more size up front, they can get by with their power runners.

### SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Little immediate help. Last spring, they traded their 1992 first-round choice to the Redskins for a '91 second-round choice and took OG Eric Moten. The pick they gave up became the sixth overall, which meant they could have filled one of their cornerback holes with Troy Vincent or Kevin Smith. They also needed linebackers, offensive linemen, and wide receivers. With a first-rounder they acquired in 1991 for DE Lee Williams, they took DE Chris Mims of Tennessee, an inconsistent pass rusher who might have lasted later. FS Marquez Pope of Fresno State (second round) might have been a reach; he and WR Ray Ethridge of Pasadena City College (third round) will need time. Good name: DT Reggie White of North Carolina A&T (sixth round).

### SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Pretty good. They needed a running back and defensive backs and addressed that quickly. DB Dana Hall of Washington (first round), a college cornerback, is destined for safety,



where the Raiders' Plan B task force picked off Ronnie Lott in 1991 and Dave Waymer in 1992. Hall is fast, rangy, and willing. RB Amp Lee of Florida State (second round) is an elusive runner without speed, but he produces. He is also a good receiver in the Roger Craig tradition. OG Brian Bollinger of North Carolina (third round) pulls well. Interesting: QB Darian Hagan of Colorado, only 5-9, will be tried at running back, wide receiver, and kick returner. They never found a PK to challenge Mike Cofer, who had an awful year in 1991.

#### SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Wait and see. They needed a breakaway running back and offensive and defensive linemen. Before and during the draft, they traded a second-round choice to the Vikings for DT Keith Millard and a fourth-rounder to the Saints for RB Rueben Mayes. Neither played in 1991 because of bad knees, and both men are gambles. OT Ray Roberts of Virginia (first round) is a 304-pound drive blocker who did not enchant everyone. LB Bob Spitulski of Central Florida (third round) was a good blitzer against small-time opponents. But Central Florida? And other draftees from Appalachian State (two of them), Tennessee-Chattanooga, and Boise State? Nevertheless, DB Gary Dandridge of Appalachian State (fifth round) is a sleeper.

#### TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Fair to bad. Sam Wyche, the new coach, needed defensive linemen, cornerbacks, and a fast wide receiver. They were busy in Plan B, but they had to wait in the draft because their first-round choice—the second overall—was wasted in a trade last year for QB Chris Chandler. On the second round, with the 32nd pick overall, they wanted CBs Darryl Williams, Ashley Ambrose, Steve Israel, or WR Carl Pickens. Those four went on picks No. 28, 29, 30, and 31, so the haunted Bucs traded down. They got promising WR Courtney Hawkins of Michigan State (second round), NT Mark Wheeler of Texas A&M and TE Tyji Armstrong of Mississippi (third round), QB Craig Erickson of Miami (fourth round), and DE Santana Dotson of Baylor (fifth round). Erickson was drafted by the Eagles in 1991 but refused to sign. All those high-round draftees may help, but how much and how soon?

#### WASHINGTON REDSKINS

A super draft for the Super Bowl champions. They wanted offensive and defensive linemen, defensive backs, linebackers, and, yes, even a fast wide receiver to join the aging Posse. The rich got richer as they traded up in the first round for WR Desmond Howard of Michigan, the runaway winner of the Heisman Trophy. He is a burner who also averaged 27.9 yards on punt returns last year. If there is any consolation for division rivals, said Fred Bruney, the Giants secondary coach, "At least every time they throw to Howard is one time they can't throw to Gary Clark." DL Shane Collins of Arizona State (second round), an NCAA shot-put champion, will help, and 293-pound OG Paul Siever of Penn State (third round) may. QB Chris Hakel of William and Mary (fourth round) will have time to develop. □

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# Wait Till Next Year

## Introducing the Top Pro Prospects for '93

by **JIM CARLEY**

● When the 1993 NFL draft kicks off in New York next April—providing there is a draft—quarterbacks are likely to be the hottest commodity. Next year's draft could be loaded with them, and three in particular could go high in the first round: Notre Dame's Rick Mirer, Miami's Gino Torretta, and Florida's Shane Matthews.

Most pro scouts rate the three almost in a dead heat now. Which of them goes the highest in the 1993 draft is still, of course, very much up in the air, and pro personnel men around the league aren't about to commit themselves this early and pick one. But Street & Smith's is going out on a limb to pick Mirer, the quarterback with everything going for him, to top our 1993 Mock First Round NFL Draft.

Mirer is the most high-profile player on a team that will again have the national championship in its sights. The Irish could have as many as four players go in the first round of the NFL draft, and if Mirer does what many scouts think he can do, he'll be at the top of the list. He also could have a Heisman Trophy under his arm before then. That would certainly elevate his status as a top pick. But most



**GINO TORRETTA**

*Miami*

observers think Torretta and Matthews will be in the hunt for that same trophy and No. 1 draft spot. NFL scouts and personnel directors say it's too early to predict the 1993 draft and most wanted to remain anonymous in their discussions of next year's players. But it's obvious those three quarterbacks will be at the top of most wish lists next April.

"They've all had a lot of success," one scout from the AFC said. "They've all shown strong leadership characteristics and they all will probably be in the race for the Heisman. It probably will boil down to whichever one leads his team to the national championship. That guy will probably take all the marbles."

**DEMETRIUS DUBOSE** *Notre Dame*



Another NFL scout who covers all three teams said, "I haven't rated their arms yet, but they all three obviously are players who could go high in the first round. Torretta and Matthews have a little advantage in that they both play for pass-oriented teams. That gives them a head start on going to a pro offense. But I don't count Mirer out. If I had to pick one of them right now for my team, I'd go with Mirer. He's an intelligent guy, a good athlete with exceptional mobility. And most of all, the guy's a winner."

One NFC scout admitted he wasn't sure about Mirer yet. "He has a fairly good arm, and I know he is a pretty accurate passer. But I remember from watching him last year that when his receivers didn't catch the ball, it often was because they were uncatchable passes. Of course, he has a season to go yet and we haven't put him through all of our tests. That could change. I still like him a lot. I would say he'd be one of the guys who could be in line for the Heisman for sure."

Several scouts we contacted said the big question on Mirer in the past has been his ability to read coverages—an essential quality for a pro quarterback—but that the 6-foot-2, 215-pounder improved dramatically in that area last year. "If he comes as far next season, he'll be a super player," one scout said. Most NFL people would take him right now anyway. "If he had come out after last season," said one general manager, "I think he could have started for a lot of teams in the league this year."

Last season, Mirer set the Notre Dame record for TD passes (18) and was eighth in the nation in passing efficiency, with a 149.2 rating. He had only 10 interceptions in 234 pass

**MARVIN JONES** *Florida St.*





attempts and completed 56 percent of his passes for 2,116 yards. After only two seasons as a starter, Mirer has equaled former Irish star Joe Montana's career passing totals (4,121 yards). Mirer not coincidentally wears the same number (3) that Montana wore at Notre Dame since the 49ers' all-pro is one of his heroes. Montana sent Mirer a photo and note before his first start in 1990.

In form, Mirer is most similar to Matthews. The Gator quarterback is mobile and rarely sacked. "He has a lot of running ability and can escape the pass rush," one AFC scout said. "He's a very good athlete and a very productive player." Matthews finished one step behind Mirer on the NCAA pass-efficiency list last year at 148.8, mostly due to a higher number of interceptions (18), even though he threw much more often (361 times). A 6-3, 192-pounder, he passed for 3,130 yards and 28 touchdowns to lead Florida to the Southeastern Conference championship.

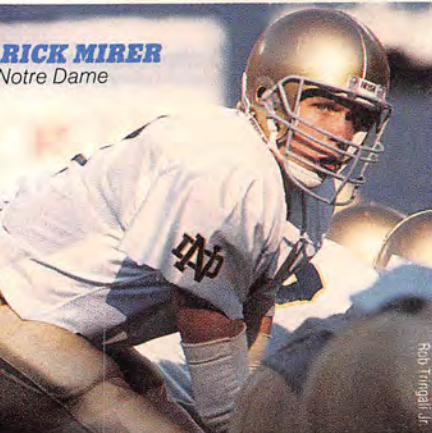
Though Torretta's pass-efficiency rating wasn't as high as the other two, it was still strong (138.8) and he had fewer interceptions (8) while attempting more passes (371). And all Torretta did, of course, was lead the Hurricanes to a share of the national championship and an unbeaten record. That counts a lot among the pro scouts.

#### SHANE MATTHEWS *Florida*



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#### RICK MIRER *Notre Dame*



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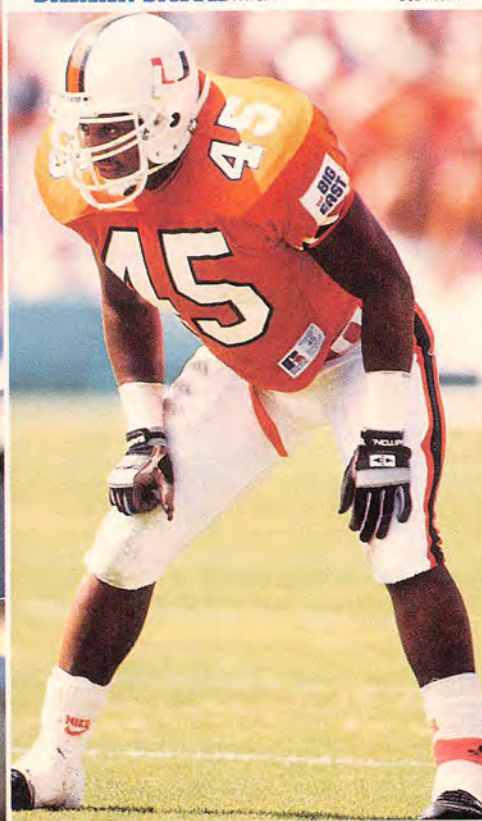
"The other two guys are more apt to be run threats," one scout said. "Torretta's more of a pocket passer. He's got a very good arm and has some outstanding receivers to help him out. Last year, Miami had kind of a different year [the offense passed 48.4 percent of the time], but if they utilize those great receivers they have next year and if they go unbeaten again, I'd look for him to win the Heisman and end up the No. 1 pick."

At the school famous for producing pro quarterbacks (Jim Kelly, Bernie Kosar, Vinny Testaverde, Steve Walsh, et al), Torretta already is sixth on the team list in career passing yards (4,630), seventh in career TDs (28), and eighth in total offense (4,686 yards) in just 16 games as a starter. He also has the top two single-game passing marks in school history (485 against San Diego State last year and 468 vs. San Jose State in 1989). Furthermore, he threw for more yards last year (3,095 vs. 2,557) than Testaverde did in his Heisman season. The pros scouts are impressed by his intelligence—Torretta already has a business management degree in just 3½ years of study and is currently taking graduate courses at the school.

Of course, any prediction for the 1993 draft must come with the disclaimer that all bets are off in the event of injuries. And most pro scouts won't make predictions simply because next season's results mean so much toward the next draft. "The truth is, it'll just be a question of how well they and their teams do next year," an AFC GM said. "All three are

#### DARRIN SMITH *Miami*

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#### Mock First Round 1993 Draft

1. Rick Mirer, QB, *Notre Dame*
2. Robert O'Neal, S, *Clemson*
3. Demetrius DuBose, LB, *Notre Dame*
4. Gino Torretta, QB, *Miami*
5. Russell White, RB, *California*
6. \*Marvin Jones, LB, *Florida St.*
7. Shane Matthews, QB, *Florida*
8. Tico Duckett, RB, *Michigan St.*
9. \*Jerome Bettis, FB, *Notre Dame*
10. Glyn Milburn, RB, *Stanford*
11. \*Patrick Bates, DB, *Texas A&M*
12. Sean LaChapelle, WR, *UCLA*
13. Ryan McNeil, DB, *Miami*
14. Lincoln Kennedy, OL, *Washington*
15. Clarence Williams, TE, *Washington St.*
16. Carlton Gray, DB, *UCLA*
17. Qadry Ismail, WR/KR, *Syracuse*
18. Eric Cline, DB, *Oregon*
19. Darrin Smith, LB, *Miami*
20. Horace Copeland, WR, *Miami*
21. O.J. McDuffie, WR, *Penn St.*
22. John Copeland, DE, *Alabama*
23. Will White, DB, *Florida*
24. Travis Hill, OLB, *Nebraska*
25. Wayne Simmons, LB, *Clemson*
26. Tom Scott, OL, *East Carolina*
27. Marcus Buckley, OLB, *Texas A&M*
28. Tracy Saul, DB, *Texas Tech*

#### Other Potential First-Rounders

Jesse Armstead, LB, *Miami*  
 Steve Carmer, SS, *Nebraska*  
 Trevor Cobb, RB, *Rice*  
 Ernest Dye, OL, *South Carolina*  
 Elvis Grbac, QB, *Michigan*  
 \*Alan Kline, OL, *Ohio St.*  
 Chris Slade, LB, *Virginia*  
 Irv Smith, TE, *Notre Dame*  
 Tommie Smith, DB, *Washington*  
 Lamar Thomas, WR, *Miami*  
 Kevin Williams, RB, *UCLA*

#### Other High-Round Possibilities

Arnold Ale, OLB, *UCLA*  
 Reggie Barnes, DE, *Oklahoma*  
 Ray Buchanan, DB, *Louisville*  
 Grady Cavness, DB, *Texas*  
 Eric Curry, DE, *Alabama*  
 Jerry Dillon, DE, *East Carolina*  
 Steve Everitt, C, *Michigan*  
 Derrick Frazier, DB, *Texas A&M*  
 Fred Gilbert, WR, *Houston*  
 Lance Gunn, DB, *Texas*  
 Justin Hall, OL, *Notre Dame*  
 Toby Heaton, OL, *Michigan St.*  
 Greg Huntington, C, *Penn State*  
 \*Tyoka Jackson, DT, *Penn State*  
 Shawn Jones, QB, *Georgia Tech*  
 Devon McDonald, DE, *Notre Dame*  
 Joey Mickey, TE, *Oklahoma*  
 Barry Minter, LB, *Tulsa*  
 Kenyon Rasheed, RB, *Oklahoma*  
 Robert Stevenson, OT, *Florida State*  
 Mark Szlachcic, WR, *Bowling Green*  
 \*Steve Tovar, LB, *Ohio State*  
 Darnell Walker, DB, *Oklahoma*  
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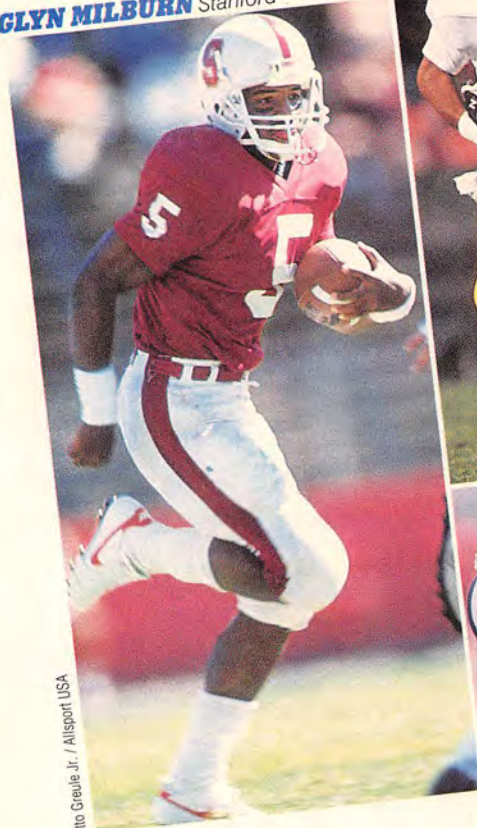


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**RUSSELL WHITE** California

**GLYN MILBURN** Stanford

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**CARLTON GRAY** UCLA



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**REGGIE BARNES** Oklahoma

capable of winning the Heisman and leading their teams to unbeaten seasons. That will go a long way toward how high they are drafted."

Another very high pick will be Clemson safety Robert O'Neal, the kind of fiery player every pro defensive coordinator would like to have on his team. He's a two-time all-ACC selection who has all the tools for the NFL.

If there is a player who could turn the football world on its ear, though, many pro scouts think it is Notre Dame linebacker Demetrius DuBose. If he has the year many expect of him, DuBose might end up in rare company as the top choice in the NFL draft. Only three other linebackers (Aundray Bruce in 1988, Tom Cousineau in 1979, and Tommy Nobis in 1966) have ever been the No. 1 overall pick. But many scouts think DuBose may be that kind of player and end up with an even more uncommon honor—the Heisman—before he gets drafted No. 1. No linebacker has ever won that trophy.

"He is such a big-time player," one AFC scout said. "If a linebacker can win the Heisman, he just might give it a run. He is a big, big leaguer. He's right up there with the very best of them. Mirer might get more national exposure, so he probably is the more likely Heisman candidate. But DuBose is probably just as good, if not better."

The Irish have several other possible high-round draft picks, including tight end Irv

Smith, offensive lineman Justin Hall, and defense end Devon McDonald. But one the pros don't want to discuss is fullback Jerome Bettis, only a junior this season.

"I don't want to talk about any juniors," Houston Oilers general manager Mike Holovak said. "I don't like to see them come out early. I think they should stay in school. I like it the way we used to have it."

"I won't talk about juniors," said an NFC scout. "For one thing, I don't look at them, so I don't know them. We won't look at them until they declare."

Nevertheless, plenty of juniors do come out and Bettis is probably a likely candidate to be one next spring. He is considered one of the best running backs ever to play at Notre Dame. One scout reluctantly admitted that, "He's a little bit in the Earl Campbell mode, a 250-pound guy who makes big runs. I know he sure made a lot of 40-plus-yard runs last

year." Another acknowledged that if Bettis had come out after even his sophomore year, he would have been a high-round pick.

Three other juniors the scouts are reluctant to discuss but who likely won't make it to their senior years are linebackers Marvin Jones of Florida State and Steve Tovar of Ohio State and Texas A&M defensive back Patrick Bates. Jones was a consensus All-America as a sophomore and one of the most high-profile players in the country. Tovar has been all-Big Ten twice. Bates isn't so well known since he transferred from UCLA and only played for the first time last season. But during the 1991 season, when the Aggies had the No. 2 pick in the 1992 draft (linebacker Quentin Coryatt), one scout claimed you could never miss Bates on the A&M campus. "He obviously was the most talented player on their team even last year," the scout said.

The Aggies could have another first-round pick in linebacker Marcus Buckley, a 6-4, 225-pounder who helped A&M lead the nation in total defense (an average of 222.4 yards per game). Buckley is a big guy who can run—he had 13 quarterback sacks last year.

Miami will battle Notre Dame not only for the national title but also for the most high-round draft selections. In addition to Torretta, the Canes could place cornerback Ryan McNeil, wide receiver Horace Copeland, and linebacker Darrin Smith in the first round. McNeil led Miami in interceptions (five) and passes broken up (17) last year, and the pros like his intelligence as well as his physical attributes.

Copeland is a big-play receiver who has size (6-3, 200) and burner speed (4.3). Seattle Seahawks assistant coach Bob Bratkowski, who was once offensive coordinator with the Hurricanes, said, "Horace could become one of the best receivers the school has ever produced. He's not only a great deep threat, but

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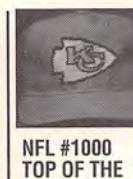
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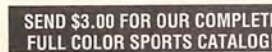
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## Wait Till Next Year

he can catch the ball coming over the middle." One scout said, "Copeland is the jet, but he might not be any better than the other guy they have (Lamar Thomas). Both are outstanding players."

Smith led Miami with 126 tackles last year and was a semifinalist for the Butkus Award. He and teammate Jesse Armstead both likely will go high despite being shorter (6-1) than most prototype NFL linebackers.

"They're a couple of linebackers who can really move," one scout said. "They're smaller kinds of players because Miami puts so much emphasis on speed. But that doesn't necessarily mean they can't play in the pros. You just have to see what kind of growth potential they have. They are both big-time players."

A familiar name in our mock first-round list is Ismail. He is Qadry Ismail, brother of Raghib (Rocket) Ismail, the 1991 Heisman runner-up from Notre Dame who would have been a first-rounder two drafts ago had he not signed with the Toronto Argonauts in the CFL. Qadry plays for Syracuse and, like his brother, not only was an excellent pass receiver but was 11th in the nation in kickoff returns last year, with a 25-yard average. "He's the same style, the same size," said one NFL general manager. "I don't know if he'll be as good, but he'll get a lot of attention."

Ismail is one of a bevy of superb receivers, including Miami's Copeland, Penn State's O.J. McDuffie (whose grandmother named him after O.J. Simpson), and UCLA's Sean LaChapelle.

Though this likely won't be the year of the franchise running back, Cal's Russell White could be the cream of the crop. White reportedly had some thoughts of coming out after last year when he rushed for 1,177 yards. "If he had come out, he would have been a first-rounder then," said one scout.

Another in the same situation was Michigan State's Tico Duckett, who had 1,204 yards and was tempted to come out. He and White will be the best pure running backs in next

year's draft, although Stanford's Glyn Milburn might be the best all-round player at the position. Last season, Milburn rushed for 598 yards, caught 40 passes for 454, returned 20 punts for 186 yards and 12 kickoffs for 276 in a display of versatility rare in the college or pro ranks. "He has tremendous speed and athletic ability," one scout said. "You can't go wrong with those kinds of players."

O'Neal and McNeil might be the top defensive backs, but UCLA's Carlton Gray and Texas Tech's Tracy Saul may not be far behind. Gray was second in the nation with 10 interceptions last year, returning one for a touchdown. Saul already has tied the Southwest Conference record for career interceptions (20) and is also on the verge of numerous SWC punt-return marks with a 10-yard per-return average. Will White of Florida was the only junior named to the coaches' all-SEC defense in '91. His next interception will set a school record. Two-time all-SWC strong safe-

### JOHN COPELAND Alabama



Bob Rosato

ty Lance Gunn of Texas hits like a linebacker and has 10 career interceptions.

While it appears to be an exceptional year for quarterbacks and linebackers and a very good one for wide receivers and defensive backs, this likely will not be a particularly strong year for offensive or defensive linemen. Several of the best of those came out early in the '92 draft (i.e., Washington's Steve Emtman and Stanford's Bob Whitfield).

This year's best offensive linemen likely will be led by the presidentially named Lincoln Kennedy of Washington, Robert Stevenson of Florida State, and Tom Scott of East Carolina. Scott, known as "The Tominator" by his teammates, has the kind of courage the pros like, if not the wisdom. Last season, he had the back of his head shaved before the Virginia Tech game in the shape of the score of the previous year's contest: 24-23 VPI. The 6-7, 338-pounder apparently helped motivate his team to a 24-17 victory with his heady message.

Other potential first-round linemen include South Carolina's huge Ernest Dye (6-6, 335) and Ohio State's powerful Aaron Kline. A couple of tight ends, Washington State's Clarence Williams and Notre Dame's Irv Smith, have already received some attention.

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bookends John Copeland and Eric Curry. Junior Carl Simpson led Florida State with 11 sacks, including three of Gino Torretta in the Seminoles' 17-16 loss to Miami. Rusty Medearis had four sacks in the Hurricanes' Orange Bowl victory over Nebraska. That raised his career total to 24 after just two years. Jason Gildon set an Oklahoma State standard with 16 sacks to lead the Big Eight last season. Across the state, Oklahoma's Reggie Barnes had nine sacks and a team-high 75 tackles for the nation's No. 12 defense. Penn State tackle Tyoka Jackson paced the Nittany Lions with 9½ sacks. Tyoka translates as "one who gives joy." Opposing quarterbacks beg to differ.

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# The *Class* of Football

**Bernie Kosar**

● Warren Moon turns 36 in November, which means time is running out on the Houston quarterback's dream of playing in the Super Bowl. But the man who has enabled so many others to realize their dreams should make it all the way to Pasadena in January after he leads the Oilers to the AFC title.

Only a handful of players in the National Football League earn more than Moon. But few are as giving of their money and their time. The NFL's Man of the Year in 1989, Moon is tireless in his efforts for (take a deep breath here) the March of Dimes, the United Negro College Fund, the Special Olympics, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the American Heart Association, the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, the Urban League, Ronald McDonald House, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and Juvenile Diabetes.

And, oh yes, in 1988 there was the Windsor Village Methodist Church in Houston that needed \$200,000 to complete a community center. Moon decided to donate the entire amount. The center offers a food pantry for the homeless, drug counseling classes for kids, and aerobics for senior citizens. That same year, he created the Crescent Moon Foundation in Houston, a nonprofit corporation to help the underprivileged children in the area.

"I don't do it for the attention," Moon has said. "I do it because I think it's important. There are so many bad influences out there. I don't care if a kid's rich or poor, if he lives in a million-dollar house or a ghetto, he is going to find some sick things on the street, and if we don't clean it up soon, we're all going to pay the price."

"Warren's never seen himself as only an athlete," said Moon's attorney, Leigh Steinberg, whose 55 NFL clients all are contractually bound to return something to their schools or communities. "He understands the concept



of role-modeling. In the offseason, he's got a schedule like the President or a senator, crisscrossing the country to speak, to set up programs, and to work for charities."

Moon and his five sisters were raised by his mother in a lower-income Los Angeles neighborhood. By the time he was seven, his father was dead and Moon had become the man of the household. A career in athletics helped keep him out of trouble, but as a black quarterback Moon was not heavily recruited. Even after he led the University of Washington to the Rose Bowl, the NFL looked the other way, and so Moon spent six years in Canada, where he took the Edmonton Eskimos to five Grey Cup championships. In 1984, the Oilers won a bidding war for his services and today the franchise has climbed near the top of the AFC. With Moon breaking virtually all of the club's passing records, Houston has made five straight trips to the playoffs, the longest streak in the NFL. Last season he completed an NFL-record 404 passes for a season-high 4,690 yards en route to another Pro Bowl.



**Warren Moon**

Bryan Yablonsky

"I turned my obstacles into opportunities," said Moon. "And if we're going to survive, that's what we're all going to have to do."

Steinberg hopes and believes there will be more Moons in the NFL's future. "Warren's effect is not limited to the good he does in the community," said Steinberg. "He's as strong a role model for athletes as I've ever seen. The young players watch him, and they want to have the same impact on and off the field. I would argue that the greatest impact he has is on the younger players."

Too often, all that is discussed about the game's so-called superstars off the field are their contract negotiations and their brushes with the law.

"We live in an age where athletes will be held up and will trigger imitative behavior whether they want to or not," said Steinberg. "The definition of news is anything that's aberrational. If an athlete gets up, goes to the ballpark, signs some autographs, gives peak performance in the game, answers questions in a dignified manner for reporters, signs some more autographs, drives home sober, and sleeps with his own wife, that's not news."

Here are some other NFL players who, well, don't always make news off the field.

## BERNIE KOSAR

Cleveland's Bernie Kosar did not go to the Pro Bowl last season, and some questioned why. He was fifth in the passer ratings in the NFL and second in the AFC. His interception percentage (1.8) was the lowest in the conference. Compare that with Super Bowl MVP Mark Rypien's 2.6—and Kosar didn't have the benefit of going virtually untouched every week, as was the case with Rypien, who enjoyed maximum pass protection (Rypien was sacked seven times, Kosar 41).

Kosar also removed Bart Starr from the NFL record book when he extended his streak of passes without an interception to 308. That's phenomenal in an era when blitzing defenses force quarterbacks to throw away the ball more than they would like. For critics of Kosar's streak, who suggest the Browns' quarterback simply plays it safe too often by throwing unnecessary incompletions, it should be noted that he completed a higher percentage of passes during his streak of 308 than Hall of Famer Starr did in his run of 294 passes from 1964–65.

"You like to see people like Kosar do well," said Starr. "One of his strengths is his vision. He's done a great job."

Kosar takes his achievements in stride; despite the almost frenzied nature of his popularity in Cleveland, he works to give something back to the community. He hosts a charity tournament for the March of Dimes, provides

## Anthony Munoz

Mitchell B. Reibel



Mitchell B. Reibel

for a scholarship to Youngstown State University, his father's alma mater, and spends time talking to youth groups about the importance of academics. He was one of five finalists for the NFL's Man of the Year award.

"I'm a quarterback in what most people deem a glamorous, publicity-filled position," he said. "I don't particularly enjoy that. I would get more enjoyment out of just being able to blend in and be more a part of the team, a part of the community, and not such a focus of attention. Athletics is something great to do, but it doesn't last forever. If you have an education, it will always be there for you."

Said Cleveland mayor Michael White: "Yes, I want to go to the Super Bowl. I would like to go for the next 10 years. But I would rather see Bernie continue doing what he's doing for the community than win one Super Bowl."

## ANTHONY MUNOZ & LOMAS BROWN

Two of the game's outstanding tackles, accustomed to accolades for the punishment they deliver on Sundays, were honored for the pleasure and the care they provide during the week. Cincinnati's Anthony Munoz, undoubtedly the finest offensive lineman of the past decade, was celebrated as the NFL Man of the Year (chosen by a media panel from a group of 28 players—one per team—who excel on and off the field) for the work he does at the Children's Hospital Medical Center of Cincinnati. Other charities that have benefited from Munoz's efforts include Athletes in Action, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the United Appeal, and the Salvation Army.

"As athletes we have many goals," said Munoz. "But I think the challenge of any professional community is to try to accomplish something else, something that's going to last longer than a football career. It's nice to win a game, but it's really nice to see the face of a youngster who has succeeded."

Detroit's Lomas Brown, who made his second Pro Bowl trip in January (nine short of Munoz's record), received one of the league's "Extra Effort" awards for his work with children. A long-time volunteer in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization, Brown has a foundation in the Detroit area that offers two annual college scholarships. His "75 for 75" program (he wears that number) takes 75 children from the Big Brothers/Big Sisters to a Lions game.

## Lomas Brown





# The Class of Football

"Most of my efforts are directed toward helping children," said Brown. "Kids hold a special place for me. They are a precious resource. It's important for all of us to protect and help them any way we can."

## SAM MILLS

Like Houston's Moon, Sam Mills of the New Orleans Saints did not take a direct route to the NFL. Who, after all, was interested in a 5-foot-9 linebacker? Ten years ago, Mills was a high school photography teacher in New Jersey. But he persisted, paying his dues with the Toronto Argonauts of the CFL and then with the Philadelphia Stars of the United States Football League before Stars coach Jim Mora got the Saints job and brought Mills with him to New Orleans.

That was six years ago, and Mills probably hasn't missed a tackle since. This past season, he made his third Pro Bowl appearance, and there likely would have been more had he not at times been overshadowed by the other outstanding members of the Saints' linebacking corps: Pat Swilling, Rickey Jackson, and Vaughan Johnson. On the field, Mills goes sideline to sideline in pursuit of the ball. Off the field, he regularly speaks to youth groups about work ethic, about overcoming the odds.



Hector Sierra

**Sam Mills**

Mills was not aggressively pursued out of high school and attended Montclair State College, not exactly a football factory for the NFL. "I thought about quitting school," he told a class of students seeking a high school equivalency degree at a New Orleans trade school, "but I persevered." His message: "Don't let others decide what you can or cannot do." At 5-foot-9, you might even play linebacker in the National Football League.

## MARTIN MAYHEW

Last year was memorable for the Washington Redskins as they became the fourth team to win three Super Bowls. But it was special for some individuals even without the latest ring. The Redskins boast a number of players who are as valuable to their communities as they are to team owner Jack Kent Cooke.

Perhaps most interesting among the Redskins is Martin Mayhew. After playing in the

shadow of the more flamboyant Deion Sanders at Florida State, Mayhew has established himself as a solid cornerback opposite Darrell Green. Prior to Washington's championship season, Mayhew traveled to Africa to spend a week touring Senegal and Mali. The by-product of that trip was Mayhew's raising money for the construction of a deep-water well in northern Senegal.

"It could make a big difference in lives over there for a long time," said Mayhew. "We've had running water here for so long that we forget what it's like not to have it. You have women over there who have to walk two hours to get water for the day's cooking or washing. It's backbreaking work. A well is also a safe-



Scott Cunningham

**Nick Lowery**

guard against droughts, which are devastating to those villages. A drought will break up a family and leave only a few people in what had been a village of 100 or 200. Droughts are a way of life, and there's a bad one every three or four years over there. Africare is trying to educate people about irrigation and how to raise their crops more efficiently. But that's where the wells are needed. That's where we can do some good."

Perennial all-pro teammate Darrell Green founded the Youth Life Foundation and has an annual golf tournament that benefits Hope Springs Farm for underprivileged children. Green, perhaps best known as the NFL's fastest man, has testified at a Senate judiciary panel for drug prevention while working for several anti-drug campaigns. Linebacker Kurt Gouveia, a Honolulu native, pays for an annual scholarship for a student from his high school who attends college on the mainland. He also works for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the "No Hope in Dope" campaign in Hawaii. Mark Rypien hosts a golf tournament every year for Cystic Fibrosis.

## NICK LOWERY

During the last decade, no kicker has been more productive than Nick Lowery, the Kansas City Chiefs' all-time leading scorer. For that matter, no one in NFL history can match

Lowery for field-goal accuracy (79.3 percent) and 100-point seasons (nine). He's a long-running success story, as is his association with United Cerebral Palsy.

In 1983, Lowery developed his "Kick with Nick" program, patterning it after a fund-raising effort the Chargers' Rolf Benirschke led for the San Diego Zoo, called "Kicks for Critters." He made his choice based on the fact that his aunt, Margaret Lowery, suffered from cerebral palsy. Actually the idea to give something back to the community came to Lowery during the seven-week players strike of 1982.

"During the strike, it occurred to me that people had this impression that all we were worried about was money," Lowery said.

"Benirschke had a program that was one of the first to combine what he was doing on the field with an off-the-field fund-raising effort." For each point he scores, Lowery matches funds from contributors. "Kick With Nick" has raised more than \$400,000.

"It's easy to lose sight of how lucky we are," he said. "Working with the children at the center is very rewarding. I have found the more I've gotten involved, the more I've benefited from it. Letting them know that we care makes a big difference in their lives."

There are others who have tried to make a difference. New York Giants' defensive end Leonard Marshall is the national co-chairman of the Leukemia Society and also dedicates his efforts to Cystic Fibrosis and the Special Olympics. Andre Waters, the hard-hitting



Bryan Yablonsky

**Jim Harbaugh**

safety of the Philadelphia Eagles, has a softer touch off the field, where he devotes his attention to the Special Olympics and to drug-prevention and rehabilitation among his area's youth. The NFL gave "Extra Effort" awards to Kansas City defensive end Bill Maas, who organized a tribute to those who served in Operation Desert Storm; to San Francisco cornerback Kevin Lewis for his work in behalf of Stanford University's Children's Hospital; and to Chicago quarterback Jim Harbaugh, a frequent visitor and contributor to the Uhlich Children's Home for the neglected and abused.

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AFC Champion: Houston Oilers

by **LARRY FELSER**

BUFFALO NEWS

Is it time for some new team to take its dubious turn representing the American Football Conference in the Super Bowl?

## SUPER BOWL CONTENDERS

How about the Houston Oilers, one of the few Super virgins left? The Oilers are one of just four AFC teams (Cleveland, San Diego, and Seattle are the others) never to qualify for Super Sunday. The Oilers built the sort of defense that can beat NFC powers. They also have the motivation, since they are nearing the end of the Warren Moon era. Moon is 35 now, and if Houston is going to do it, it will have to be soon.

If not the Oilers, the AFC champion will likely be a team of familiar faces, Denver or Buffalo. The Broncos are resurgent, having used a fifth-place schedule and a rebuilt defense to come within four points of their fifth Super Bowl appearance last January. Buffalo remains a team of great offensive talent with enough weapons to beat most opponents.

All of the AFC contenders are seriously flawed. For instance, the Oilers seem to be chronic complainers, possibly an inheritance from Jerry Glanville's term as coach. When Atlanta unexpectedly guaranteed an \$800,000-a-year contract and signed 35-year-old wide receiver Drew Hill from the Oilers' Plan B list, there was much grumbling from his former teammates. Meanwhile, pass rusher Lee Williams, who missed most of the season after Houston paid a high price to get him from San Diego, insisted that the left-end position be returned to him. Never mind that incumbent William Fuller had the best year of his career, leading the AFC with 15 sacks. And Moon himself has had a running battle with the front office over money owed him.

Denver's flaw is that its meal ticket, quarterback John Elway, underwent offseason surgery on his passing shoulder. Without a healthy Elway, the Broncos are no more than interesting spoilers.

With Bruce Smith unable to play for most of the season because of a gimpy knee, the Bills' pass rush went south, the sack total dropping from 43 to 31. Overall, the Bills finished next to last in AFC defense. There is no assurance that Smith is fine.

Other dark-horse teams are flawed. Kansas City is aging, limited on offense, and playing a long shot, ex-Seahawk Dave Krieg, at quarterback. The Raiders and the Jets have unsettled quarterback situations.

## COACHING TURNOVER

The rest of the AFC is still introducing itself to one another. There has been a 57 percent changeover in head coaches in the last two years. During that time the entire AFC Central turned over. This year alone there are five new coaches in the conference.

The most convulsive changes are in Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, and Seattle. The Chuck Noll era, which lasted for 23 seasons, is over in Pittsburgh. Bill Cowher, not a household name while serving as Kansas City's defensive coordinator, is his successor. As Noll was beginning his rookie year in Three Rivers Stadium, Cowher was beginning seventh grade. David Shula, even younger than Cowher, attempts to settle the turmoil left over from Sam Wyche's stressful last year with the Bengals. Many of the Seahawks never knew a pro head coach other than Chuck Knox, but at least his successor, ex-general manager Tom Flores, was on the scene.

The tasks of Ted Marchibroda in Indianapolis and Bobby Ross in San Diego are less complex. Marchibroda simply has to lift the Colts out of their 1-15 pit. The Chargers have been down for so long, all Ross has to do is reach respectability—at least for now.

Coaching isn't the only job in transition in the AFC. There are five teams whose quarterback positions have changed or may undergo change by opening day. Kansas City dropped Steve DeBerg in favor of another veteran, Krieg. With Krieg gone via Plan B, Flores will start over, if not with pro sophomore Dan McGwire then with the injury-prone Kelly Stouffer. The Jets may have to tread water with Ken O'Brien again, but they really want Browning Nagle to step forward in his second season. The only thing keeping Todd Marinovich from a clear-cut shot at the Raiders' quarterback job is his murky personal situation. In

Pittsburgh, Cowher has to choose between Neil O'Donnell and Bubby Brister, both of whom started for a while in Noll's final season.

There are even more unsettled situations among the AFC's featured runners. With Bo Jackson and Roger Craig gone and Marcus Allen now 32, the Raiders are backing and filling in their backfield. They made a draft-day deal to obtain the aging and unhappy Eric Dickerson from the Colts. Seattle still hasn't found its successor for Curt Warner nor Pittsburgh to Franco Harris. In Miami, Sammie Smith lost his job to journeyman Mark Higgs. Cincinnati features the unproven Harold Green while the Jets are losing patience with Blair Thomas, their top pick in 1990.

## IMPACT PLAYERS

One thing the AFC needs desperately is an influx of impact players. There haven't been many in the last three years. Consider the field: defensive tackle Cortez Kennedy in Seattle, linebacker Junior Seau in San Diego, tight end Eric Green in Pittsburgh, linebacker Mike Croel in Denver, running back Leonard Russell and offensive tackle Pat Harlow in New England, maybe safety Eric Turner in Cleveland, and, if there has been such a thing as any impact at all in Indianapolis, quarterback Jeff George.

This year's draft has potential, particularly with defensive lineman Steve Emtman in Indianapolis, safety Dale Carter in Kansas City's aging secondary, fullback Tommy Vardell in Cleveland, giant defensive lineman Chester McGlockton in the Raiders' run-susceptible line, and cornerback Troy Vincent and pass rusher Marco Coleman, reinforcements for Miami's woeful defense.

Those on the spot in the AFC this season:

- Warren Moon—He is in charge of Houston's last chance.
- Bruce Smith—If he's healthy, he has to make the difference in Buffalo's sagging defense.
- Blair Thomas—The Jets need him to produce 1,000 yards while they break in Browning Nagle, the new quarterback.
- Tom Olivadotti—Like Miami defensive coordinators of the recent unhappy past, he's running out of time.
- Eric Dickerson—The Raiders need him to reach back into his prime for a 1,000-yard season.
- Dave Krieg—The Chiefs can't go far without viable quarterbacking.

## 1992 ALL-AFC TEAM

### OFFENSE

- WR** Mark Clayton, Miami  
Rob Moore, New York  
**TE** Eric Green, Pittsburgh  
Richmond Webb, Miami  
**T** Will Wolford, Buffalo  
Steve Wisniewski, Los Angeles  
**G** Dwayne White, New York  
Bruce Matthews, Houston  
**C** Warren Moon, Houston  
**QB** Thurman Thomas, Buffalo  
**RB** Rod Bernstine, San Diego  
**PK** Jeff Jaeger, Los Angeles

### DEFENSE

- E** Neil Smith, Kansas City  
Bruce Smith, Buffalo  
**DT** Cortez Kennedy, Seattle  
Ray Childress, Houston  
**OLB** Cornelius Bennett, Buffalo  
Simon Fletcher, Denver  
**ILB** Vincent Brown, New England  
Al Smith, Houston  
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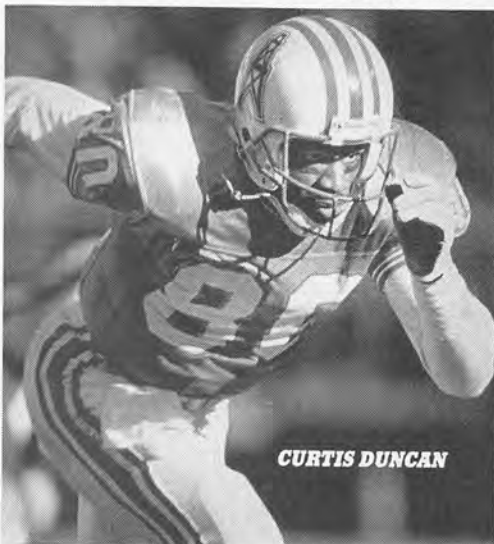
# AFC central

## HOUSTON OILERS

It's now or never for the Oilers. Judging quarterback Warren Moon by his birth certificate is dangerous, but the fact is that he'll be 36 before the playoffs. More vexing is his teammates' thinning resolve.

The feeling around Houston, however, is that the Oilers are set this year for one last, grand shot at playing in a Super Bowl for the first time. They were in position to do it a year ago. They outplayed Washington right in RFK Stadium at midseason, losing only when their kicker missed an easy field goal. With two games to play, they clinched their first outright division championship since their AFL days. After that they had no finishing kick. A final-game loss to the underdog Giants cost them a vital home game in the playoffs. They nearly let the wild-card Jets off the hook in the opening round. Then they allowed John Elway and Denver to beat them with a last-minute drive in the semifinals.

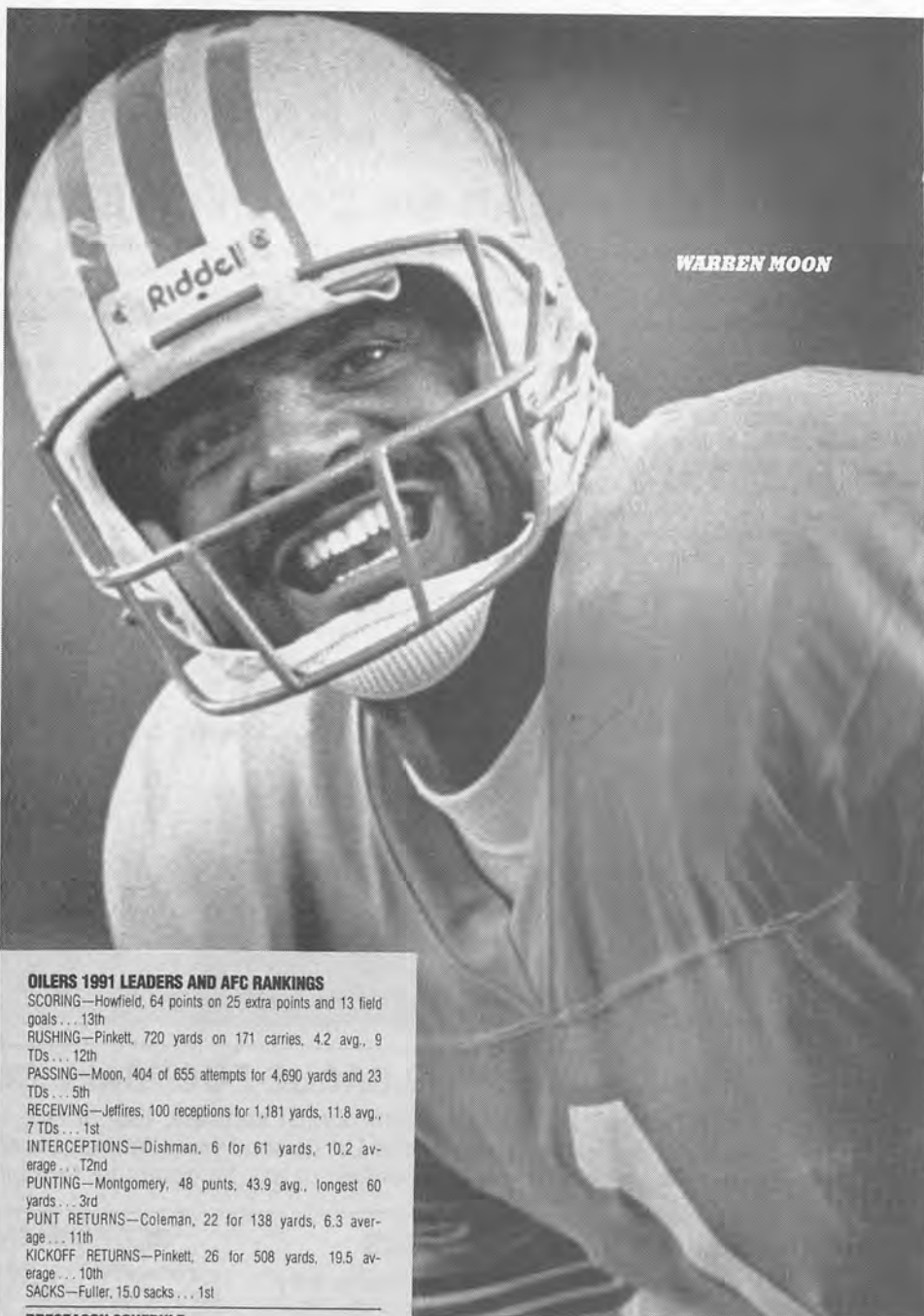
The talent is still there. The ability to "get it done" at last is arguable. The front office took a couple of major risks in the offseason. One was to trade Allen Pinkett, the leading rusher, to New Orleans for a fifth-round draft choice. The other was to expose veteran wide receiver Drew Hill to Plan B free agency. Atlanta



CURTIS DUNCAN

stunned the Oilers by guaranteeing about \$1 million to sign Hill. Those two moves subtracted more than 2,500 yards in total offense.

The loss of Hill, especially, did not go down well with his teammates. "When you expect to win and go to the Super Bowl, you have to do what it takes to keep your best players," observed receiver Haywood Jeffires. "Do you want to win it all? This tells me we're going backward." Moon commented that it was a "big, big loss." Jeff Query of Green Bay was signed as a Plan B replacement, but Query's career reception total is 26 fewer than the 90 balls Hill caught last year.



WARREN MOON

### OILERS 1991 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Howfield, 64 points on 25 extra points and 13 field goals... 13th  
RUSHING—Pinkett, 720 yards on 171 carries, 4.2 avg., 9 TDs... 12th  
PASSING—Moon, 404 of 655 attempts for 4,690 yards and 23 TDs... 5th  
RECEIVING—Jeffires, 100 receptions for 1,181 yards, 11.8 avg., 7 TDs... 1st  
INTERCEPTIONS—Dishman, 6 for 61 yards, 10.2 average... 12nd  
PUNTING—Montgomery, 48 punts, 43.9 avg., longest 60 yards... 3rd  
PUNT RETURNS—Coleman, 22 for 138 yards, 6.3 average... 11th  
KICKOFF RETURNS—Pinkett, 26 for 508 yards, 19.5 average... 10th  
SACKS—Fuller, 15.0 sacks... 1st

### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	1	Dallas at Tokyo, Japan (N)
	8	At Detroit (N)
	15	At Dallas (N)
	22	At New Orleans
	29	At Los Angeles Raiders

### 1992 SCHEDULE

September	6	PITTSBURGH	1991 SCORES	31-6
	13	At Indianapolis		
	20	KANSAS CITY		17-7
	27	SAN DIEGO		
October	4	OPEN DATE		
	11	At Cincinnati		30-7
	18	At Denver		42-14
	25	CINCINNATI		35-3
November	1	At Pittsburgh		14-26
	8	CLEVELAND		28-24
	15	At Minnesota		
	22	At Miami		17-13
	26	At Detroit		
December	7	CHICAGO (N)		
	13	GREEN BAY (N)		
	20	At Cleveland		17-14
	27	BUFFALO (N)		

In defense of those decisions, remember that every receiver in the run-and-shoot offense catches a lot of passes. The skill is in what each does after he makes the catch. Hill's average, 12.3 yards, was by far the lowest of his career. Besides, he's now 35. On the other hand, that 12.3 was the second-best of the four starters. As for Pinkett, coach Jack Pardee decided that Lorenzo White, who ran efficiently in the playoffs, was the guy he wanted in the starting backfield. White had the same per-carry average as Pinkett, but Lorenzo's longest run was 20 yards.

Despite the controversial moves, the Oilers still have a great deal going for them, starting with Moon and including one of the better offensive lines and an outstanding defense. Moon led the NFL with 4,690 yards. He also threw for 23 touchdowns and a league-leading 21 interceptions. But interceptions are a



given in the high-risk run-and-shoot. Moon's worth goes far beyond statistics. He is a superb leader whose hunger for a Super Bowl ring may be the team's foremost impetus. Jeffries, a Pro Bowler, led the NFL with 100 catches, including seven touchdowns, for 1,181 yards. The negatives were the two passes he dropped late in the playoff loss to Denver. Ernest Givins just missed 1,000 yards, gaining 996 on his 70 receptions. Curtis Duncan caught 55. Little-used Leonard Harris may battle Query for the fourth spot.

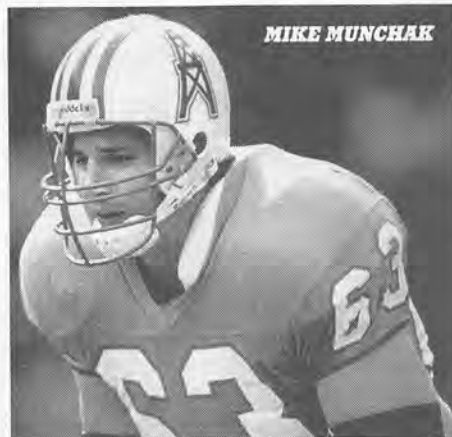
The offensive line is big and experienced. Center Bruce Matthews was selected to his sixth Pro Bowl, left guard Mike Munchak to his seventh. They are surrounded by gritty right guard Doug Dawson, who battled back from an Achilles tendon injury after a four-season layoff, and tackles David Williams and Don Maggs. Versatile second-year pro John Flannery may force his way in somewhere. The depth is sound.

White carried the ball 110 times for 465 yards, but Pardee needs more dimension at running back. He may experiment with eighth-round draftee Bucky Richardson and Gary Brown, essentially good athletes without a position. Brown played some as a rookie after playing safety and running back at Penn State. As Texas A&M's freshman quarterback, Richardson was the Most Valuable Player in the Cotton Bowl. As a senior last year, he was MVP in the Southwest Conference. He is an outstanding athlete whom the Oiler brass are dying to use somewhere.

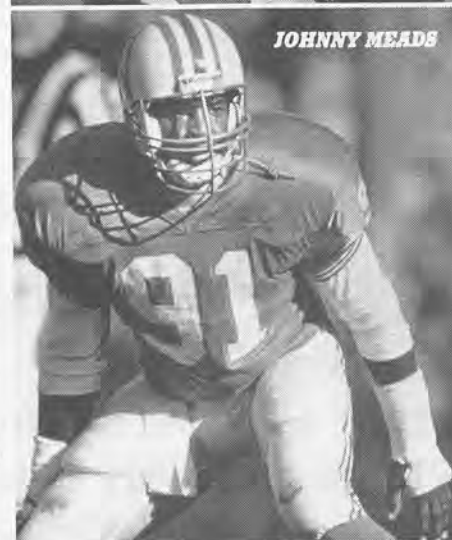
Houston had four defensive starters in the Pro Bowl: cornerback Cris Dishman, end Wil-

ments are coming. Lee Williams, the ex-Charger who cost Houston a first-round draft choice, broke his arm after recording three sacks last year. Doug Smith, an enormous tackle, can be dominant when healthy.

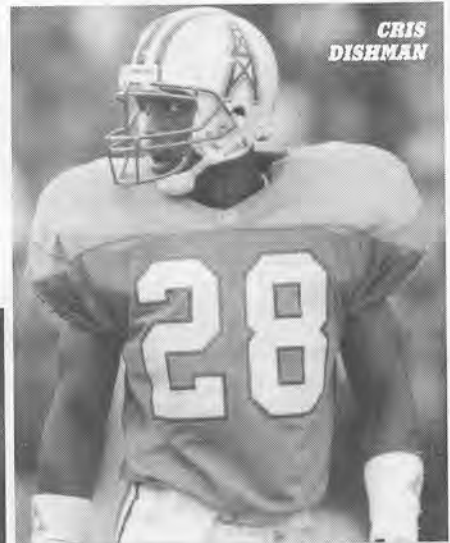
Outside linebacker Lamar Lathon should become a star in his third pro season. Johnny Meads, Lathon's partner, had a down year, but there is no one around to challenge him. Dishman may need a new partner, since cornerback Richard Johnson has off-the-field troubles which may take him out of uniform.



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RAY CHILDRESS

liam Fuller, tackle Ray Childress, and middle linebacker Al Smith. Childress is the NFL's premier tackle in a four-man line and a leader on Moon's level. His absence due to injury in the playoff loss to Denver was traumatic. Dishman, an erratic player who took bad penalties under former coach Jerry Glanville, became disciplined under Pardee. Fuller led the AFC with 15 sacks in a career year. Smith is an overachiever whose recognition was overdue.

No AFC defense has a line as deep as Houston's. The Oilers had 45 sacks, with most of the push coming from up front. End Sean Jones had 10 and Childress seven. Reinforce-

Pardee might try Mike Dumas, ordinarily a safety. Bo Orlando's play at free safety was one of the highlights of 1991. Bubba McDowell is a banger at strong safety.

Al Del Greco arrived late in the year and upgraded the place-kicking with 10 of 13 field goals, but he may have cost Houston a shot at the Super Bowl by blowing a short field goal against the Broncos in the playoff game. Punter Greg Montgomery averaged 43.9 yards. The Oilers need return men, but the coverage of both punts and kickoffs is good.

Mysteriously, the Oilers used their top draft pick for a project, Alabama State linebacker Eddie Robinson. Wide receivers Corey Harris of Vanderbilt and Mario Bailey of Washington should enter into the contest for Drew Hill's job. The pick they got for Pinkett was used for Oklahoma linebacker Joe Bowden. Georgia Tech's Mike Mooney and Tennessee's Bernard Dafney are monster tackles. General manager Mike Holovak often finds gold in the late rounds, eg., Dishman and Smith.

### OILERS VETERAN ROSTER

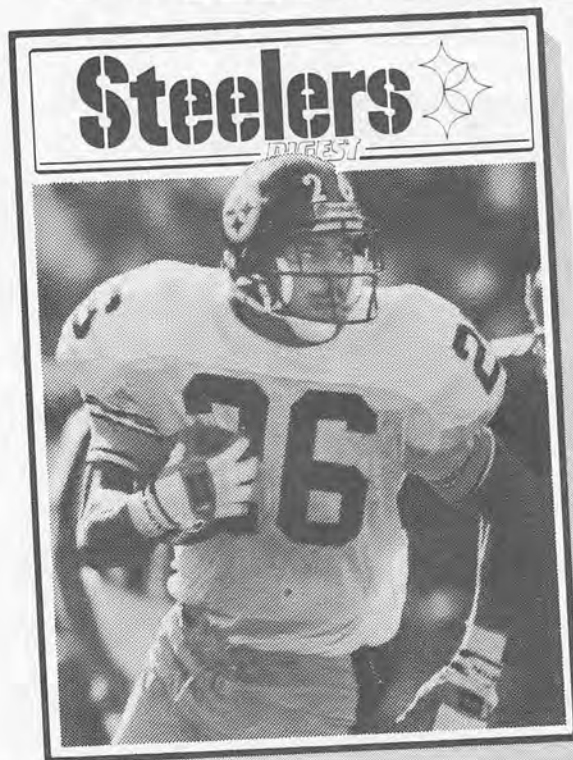
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79	Childress, Ray	DL	6-6	272	30	Texas A&M
87	Coleman, Pat	WR	5-7	173	25	Mississippi
66	Dawson, Doug	OL	6-3	288	31	Texas
3	Del Greco, Al	PK	5-10	200	30	Auburn
28	Dishman, Cris	CB	6-0	178	27	Purdue
77	Donnalley, Kevin	T	6-5	290	24	North Carolina
38	Dumas, Mike	S	5-11	178	23	Indiana
80	Duncan, Curtis	WR	5-11	184	27	Northwestern
55	Flannery, John	OL	6-3	304	23	Syracuse
95	Fuller, William	DE	6-3	274	30	North Carolina
81	Givins, Ernest	WR	5-9	172	28	Louisville
93	Graf, Rick	LB	6-5	244	28	Wisconsin
21	Gray, Jerry	DB	6-0	185	30	Texas
83	Harris, Leonard	WR	5-8	162	32	Texas Tech
24	Jackson, Steve	CB	5-8	182	23	Purdue
84	Jeffries, Haywood	WR	6-2	201	28	N.C. St.
90	Johnson, Ezra	DE	6-4	257	37	Morris Brown
23	Johnson, Richard	CB	6-1	195	29	Wisconsin
96	Jones, Sean	DE	6-7	264	30	Northeastern
30	Jones, Victor	RB	5-8	212	25	LSU
56	Kozak, Scott	LB	6-3	222	27	Oregon
57	Lathon, Lamar	LB	6-3	250	25	Houston
29	Lewis, Darryl	CB	5-9	188	24	Arizona
78	Maggs, Don	OL	6-5	290	31	Tulane
74	Matthews, Bruce	OL	6-5	291	31	Southern Cal
25	McDowell, Bubba	S	6-1	198	26	Miami
91	Meads, Johnny	LB	6-2	226	31	Nicholls State
89	Miotke, Frank	WR	6-0	175	27	Grand Valley St.
94	Montgomery, Glenn	DT	6-0	272	25	Houston
9	Montgomery, Greg	P	6-4	215	28	Michigan State
1	Moon, Warren	QB	6-3	212	36	Washington
63	Munchak, Mike	G	6-3	284	32	Penn State
64	Norgard, Jeff	OL	6-1	278	27	Colorado
26	Orlando, Bo	S	5-10	180	26	West Virginia
89	Query, Jeff	WR	6-0	165	25	Millikin
31	Robertson, Marcus	DB	5-11	197	23	Iowa State
53	Seale, Eugene	LB	5-10	253	28	Lamar
10	Slack, Reggie	QB	6-1	221	24	Auburn
54	Smith, Al	LB	6-1	251	28	Utah State
99	Smith, Doug	DT	6-6	309	33	Auburn
70	Steinkuhler, Dean	T	6-3	287	31	Nebraska
32	Tillman, Spencer	RB	5-11	206	28	Oklahoma
44	White, Lorenzo	RB	5-11	222	26	Michigan State
73	Williams, David	T	6-5	292	26	Florida
97	Williams, Lee	DL	6-6	271	30	Bethune-Cookman

### DRAFTES

rd.	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Robinson, Eddie	LB	6-1	242	Alabama St.
3	Harris, Corey	WR	5-11	195	Vanderbilt
4	Mooney, Mike	OT	6-6	332	Georgia Tech
5	Bowden, Joe	LB	5-11	227	Oklahoma
5	Brown, Tony	CB	5-9	183	Fresno State
5	Roberts, Tim	DT	6-6	309	So. Miss.
6	Bailey, Mario	WR	5-9	162	Washington
7	Turner, Elbert	WR	5-11	165	Illinois
8	Richardson, Bucky	QB	6-1	221	Texas A&M
9	Dafney, Bernard	OT	6-5	317	Tennessee
10	Johnson, Dion	WR	5-8	164	East Carolina
11	Davis, Anthony	LB	6-0	231	Utah
12	Wood, Joe	PK	6-1	202	Air Force



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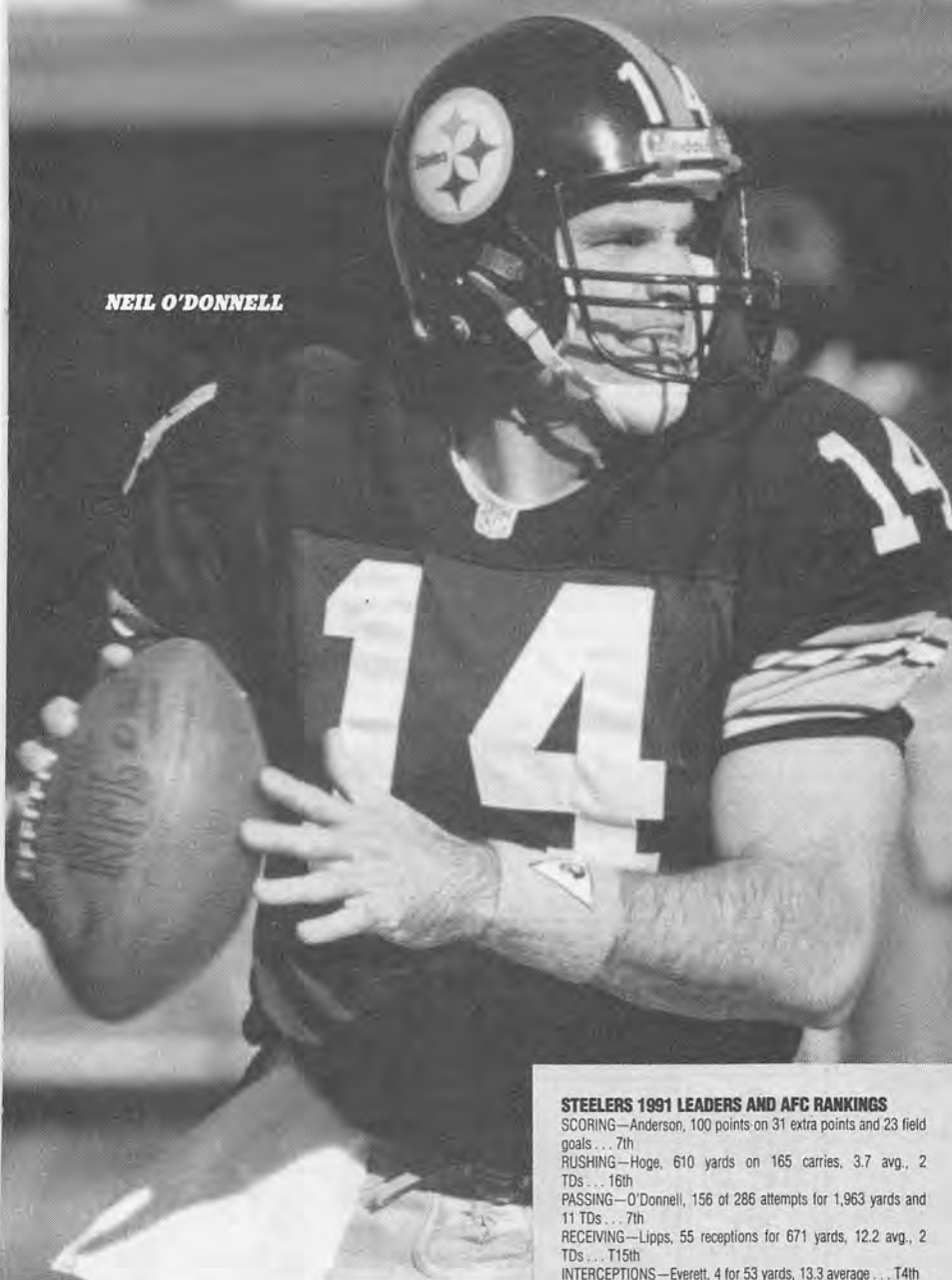
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You don't want to be the coach who succeeds Chuck Noll, winner of four Super Bowls, architect of the Pittsburgh's Steelers' era of glory. You want to be the coach who succeeds the coach who succeeds Noll. Bill Cowher had no choice. The Steelers offered the job to the ex-Kansas City defensive coordinator. Cowher is a Pittsburgh guy. He walks the walk, talks the talk. He is the man, after 23 years, who now occupies Noll's office.

Cowher is not in an enviable position. The Steelers do not have a bellwether ball carrier. Merrill Hoge, their admirable but limited utility man, has been the leading rusher for the last two seasons. There is no game-breaking receiver. Louis Lipps, at 30, is coming off a 55-catch season, but he had the lowest yards-per-reception average of his career. The quarterback is either Bubby Brister or Neil O'Donnell. Does it make a difference?

Not only that, but Cowher is in the middle of a philosophical U-turn. The Noll era ended amid coach/player conflicts and scouting de-

### STEELERS 1991 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Anderson, 100 points on 31 extra points and 23 field goals... 7th  
 RUSHING—Hoge, 610 yards on 165 carries, 3.7 avg., 2 TDs... 16th  
 PASSING—O'Donnell, 156 of 286 attempts for 1,963 yards and 11 TDs... 7th  
 RECEIVING—Lipps, 55 receptions for 671 yards, 12.2 avg., 2 TDs... 15th  
 INTERCEPTIONS—Everett, 4 for 53 yards, 13.3 average... 14th  
 PUNTING—Stryzinski, 74 punts, 40.5 avg., longest 63 yards... 9th  
 PUNT RETURNS—Woodson, 28 for 320 yards, 11.4 average... 1st  
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Woodson, 44 for 880 yards, 20.0 average... 8th  
 SACKS—Williams, 9.0 sacks... 7th

### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	8	PHILADELPHIA (N)
	17	At New Orleans (N)
	23	At Chicago (N)
	29	NEW YORK GIANTS (N)

### 1992 SCHEDULE

September	6	At Houston	6-3
	13	NEW YORK JETS	
	20	At San Diego	26-20
	27	At Green Bay	
October	4	OPEN DATE	
	11	At Cleveland	14-17
	19	CINCINNATI (N)	17-10
	25	At Kansas City (N)	
November	1	HOUSTON	26-14
	8	At Buffalo	34-52
	15	DETROIT	
	22	INDIANAPOLIS	21-3
	29	At Cincinnati	33-27
December	6	SEATTLE	7-27
	13	At Chicago	
	20	MINNESOTA	
	27	CLEVELAND	17-10

### 1991 SCORES

partment/coaching staff conflicts. Instead of adjusting to their material, the Steelers, for the last few years, tried to force square pegs into their round holes. The idea seemed to be "Here is the game plan, go find the most suitable players to execute it and, for that matter, the opponents most vulnerable to it." It doesn't work that way in the NFL.

The restructuring of the Steelers is in the hands of team president Dan Rooney and Tom Donahoe, the personnel man who was promoted to director of football operations. "For whatever reason," said Donahoe, "the last couple of years we've been out of sync.

### STEELERS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
1	Anderson, Gary	PK	5-11	179	33	Syracuse
60	Blankenship, Brian	G	6-1	280	29	Nebraska
6	Brister, Bubby	QB	6-3	217	30	NE Louisiana
61	Caliguire, Dean	OL	6-2	280	25	Pittsburgh
	Chandler, Darrin	WR	5-9	170	25	Georgia Southern
	Clayton, Stan	OT	6-3	265	27	Penn State
87	Cooper, Adrian	TE	6-5	259	24	Oklahoma
64	Davidson, Kenny	DE	6-5	264	25	LSU
63	Dawson, Dermontti	C	6-2	275	27	Kentucky
76	Dingman, Dean	G	6-2	270	24	Michigan
	Drummond, Robert	RB	6-1	205	25	Syracuse
66	Evans, Donald	DE	6-2	258	28	Winston-Salem St.
27	Everett, Thomas	FS	5-9	183	28	Baylor
29	Foster, Barry	RB	5-10	218	24	Arkansas
	Gibson, Tom	DE	6-8	275	29	Northern Arizona
81	Graham, Jeff	WR	6-1	195	23	Ohio State
86	Green, Eric	TE	6-5	280	25	Liberty
22	Griffin, Larry	S	6-0	202	29	North Carolina
77	Haselrig, Carlton	G	6-1	295	26	Pitt-Johnstown
53	Hinkle, Bryan	LB	6-2	224	33	Oregon
33	Hoge, Merrill	RB	6-2	222	27	Idaho State
62	Ilkin, Tunch	OT	6-3	273	35	Indiana State
65	Jackson, John	OT	6-6	289	27	Eastern Kentucky
	Jaworski, Matt	LB	6-1	226	25	Colgate
44	Johnson, David	CB	6-0	181	26	Kentucky
97	Jones, Aaron	DE	6-5	257	26	Eastern Kentucky
25	Jones, Gary	S	6-1	208	25	Texas A&M
37	Lake, Camell	SS	6-1	207	25	UCLA
83	Lipps, Louis	WR	5-10	185	30	Southern Miss
50	Little, David	LB	6-1	236	33	Florida
95	Lloyd, Greg	LB	6-2	223	27	Fort Valley State
67	Love, Duval	OL	6-3	287	29	UCLA
89	Mills, Ernie	WR	5-11	178	24	Florida
84	Mularkey, Mike	TE	6-4	240	31	Florida
54	Nickerson, Hardy	LB	6-2	227	27	California
14	O'Donnell, Neil	QB	6-3	223	26	Maryland
55	Olisavsky, Jerry	LB	6-1	219	25	Pittsburgh
90	Richardson, Huey	LB	6-5	233	24	Florida
71	Ricketts, Tom	OL	6-5	288	27	Pittsburgh
3	Royals, Mark	P	6-5	215	28	Appalachian State
24	Shelton, Richard	CB	5-9	196	26	Liberty
	Smagala, Stan	S	5-10	184	24	Notre Dame
41	Smith, Kevin	S	5-11	204	25	Rhode Island
69	Solomon, Ariel	OT	6-5	271	24	Colorado
20	Stone, Dwight	WR	6-0	190	28	Middle Tenn. St.
11	Strom, Rick	QB	6-2	197	27	Georgia Tech
73	Strzelczyk, Justin	OT	6-5	297	24	Maine
34	Thompson, Leroy	RB	5-10	215	23	Penn State
91	Veasey, Craig	DL	6-2	285	26	Houston
43	Vincent, Shawn	CB	5-10	180	24	Akron
23	Walker, Sammy	CB	5-11	197	23	Texas Tech
98	Williams, Gerald	NT	6-3	282	29	Auburn
57	Williams, Jerrol	LB	6-5	237	25	Purdue
42	Williams, Warren	RB	6-0	213	27	Miami
26	Woodson, Rod	CB	6-0	197	27	Purdue

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1	Searcy, Leon	OT	6-3	295	Miami
2	Kirkland, Levon	LB	6-0	240	Clemson
3	Sleed, Joel	NT	6-2	285	Colorado
4	Davenport, Charles	WR	6-3	206	N.C. State
5	Haller, Alan	CB	5-11	177	Michigan State
7	Campbell, Russ	TE	6-5	252	Kansas State
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8	Perry, Darren	DB	5-10	190	Penn State
8	Ismail, Hesham	G	6-2	291	Florida
8	Williams, Nate	DL	6-3	291	Mississippi St.
9	Webster, Einar	LB	6-2	246	Rutgers
10	Saunders, Mike	RB	5-11	206	Iowa
11	Gammon, Kendall	G	6-4	273	Pittsburg St.
12	Benton, Cornelius	QB	6-3	209	Connecticut



The relationship between the coaching staff and the personnel department was not what it needs to be in order to make this thing work."

In this new era, Cowher, at 33 the youngest coach in the league after David Shula, the rookie at Cincinnati, may be the subject of an extended audition. He feels the Steelers must "refocus" rather than rebuild. "My philosophy is that if you have talent, you adapt a system that will best utilize that talent. If your system does not allow you to do that, what you must then do is broaden your system." Translation: No more square pegs in round holes.

After two years of turmoil over the complicated system of offensive coordinator Joe

Walton, the Steelers come under the more simplified rule of Ron Erhardt, to whom Cowher handed the offense as soon as he hired him. "I like that run-action," said Erhardt, who coached Bill Parcells's Super Bowl offense for the Giants, "that good play-action stuff. It's been successful over the years."

The question is, who runs the offense at quarterback? Brister struggled through the Walton years and last season was further hindered by a knee injury which required surgery. He also lost his job to O'Donnell. Brister may have a better arm and be more mobile, but he threatens to go through life making wrong decisions. O'Donnell had some good and bad moments. The Steelers look as if they need a quarterback of the future.

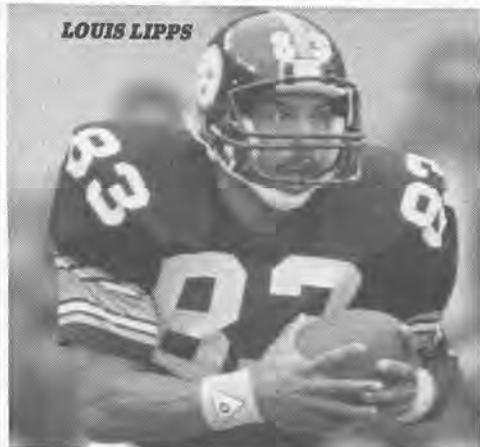
Hoge is a fine player who had almost 1,000 yards in total offense. But he has no business being a feature back. Tim Worley's career is on hold, if not ended, as a result of another drug suspension. Barry Foster is a fullback-type who looks good at times, uninterested at other times. He averaged 5.1 yards in about a half-season of work.

The Steelers have three-fifths of a good line. Dermontti Dawson is one of the better centers in the NFL. John Jackson, the big left tackle, is nearly as efficient. Carlton Haselrig, the wrestler who was converted to pro football, arrived as the starting right guard in '91 and may stay there through the turn of the century. Three other guards were left unprotected in Plan B, which may tell you something. Tunch Ilkin,



once an all-pro tackle, is 35 and Tom Ricketts has been a flop. Top draft choice Leon Searcy of Miami should play for a football generation.

Pittsburgh used its second and third draft choices in '91 to select wide receivers Jeff Graham and Ernie Mills. Between them they caught five passes. At least Mills led in special-teams tackles. With the offense undergoing a simplification, Graham and Mills may have much wider roles. Dwight Stone had 32 catches for a 20.3-yard average and five touchdowns, but he drops too many passes. Fourth-round '92 draftee Charles Davenport is no burner but he is a big target (6-3, 206). Erhardt's affection for play-action should make Eric Green, the huge tight end, even more prominent if he can control his weight. Green caught 41 passes and led the team



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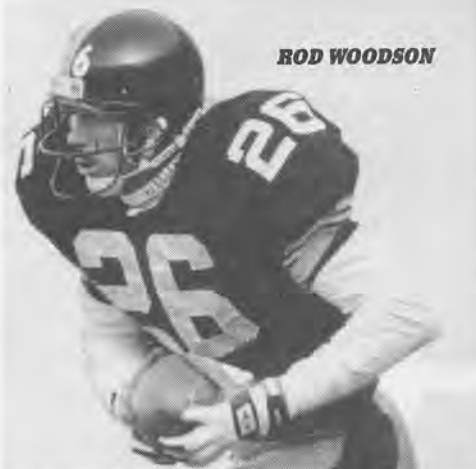


with six touchdown receptions. Adrian Cooper, Green's backup and sometime cohort in the double-tight-end attack, was voted the Steelers' Rookie of the Year.

Defensively, the Steelers fell from No. 1 in the NFL in 1990 to 22nd. The pass defense that allowed only nine touchdowns in '90 allowed 21. Dom Capers, the secondary coach at New Orleans, was hired as the new defensive coordinator, but Cowher himself will have a hand in fashioning the new Steeler defense.

The line was a major issue between the former coaching staff and the personal department. In the previous four drafts, three defensive linemen (Aaron Jones, Ken Davidson,

and Craig Veasey) were selected in the first two rounds. None is playing a prominent role yet. Huey Richardson, last year's No. 1, was drafted as a pass-rushing outside linebacker, so the coaches tried to switch him inside. In order to jump-start the pass rush, Cowher needs Richardson, Jones, and Davidson to produce. Gerald Williams is the best lineman and Donald Evans is a contributor. Nose tack-



ROD WOODSON



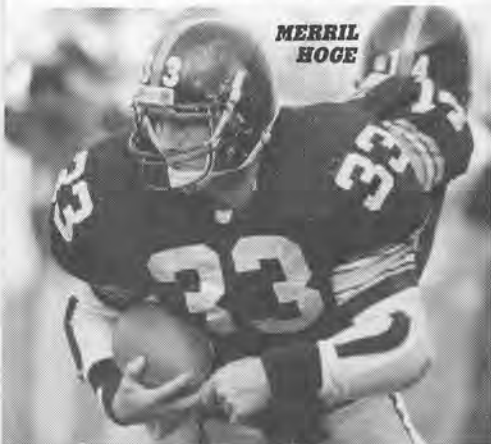
ERIC GREEN

le Joel Steed of Colorado may have been a steal in the third round.

The defensive studs are linebacker Greg Lloyd, voted the team's Most Valuable Player; linebacker Jerrold Williams, who led the team with nine sacks; corner Rod Woodson, who went to his third Pro Bowl; and Williams. Hardy

Nickerson, who led the team in tackles, David Little, and outside man Bryan Hinkle are the other starting linebackers. Jerrol Williams and No. 2 pick Levon Kirkland of Clemson should push Hinkle, who was exposed to Plan B along with Little. All the backs, corner David Johnson, strong safety Carnell Lake, and free safety Thomas Everett, as well as Woodson, had sub-par years.

Gary Anderson had a normal season for him, with 23 of 33 field goals. The Steelers swapped punters with Tampa Bay, losing Dan Stryzinski and gaining Mark Royals. The Bucs seemed to get the better of the Plan B signings. Woodson led the AFC in punt returns and finished high in kickoff returns.



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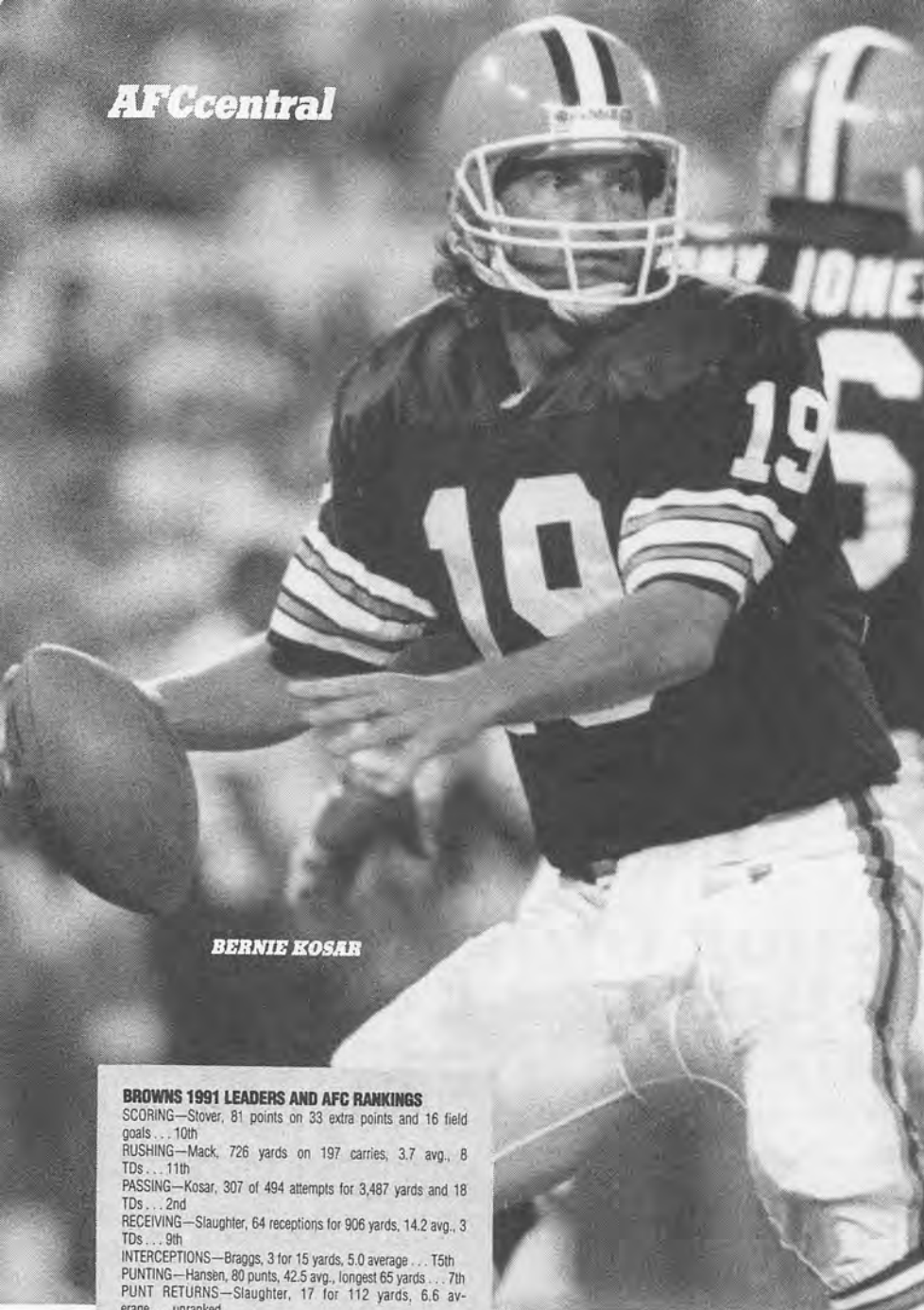
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**RUSHING**—Mack, 726 yards on 197 carries, 3.7 avg., 8 TDs... 11th  
**PASSING**—Kosar, 307 of 494 attempts for 3,487 yards and 18 TDs... 2nd  
**RECEIVING**—Slaughter, 64 receptions for 906 yards, 14.2 avg., 3 TDs... 9th  
**INTERCEPTIONS**—Braggs, 3 for 15 yards, 5.0 average... 15th  
**PUNTING**—Hansen, 80 punts, 42.5 avg., longest 65 yards... 7th  
**PUNT RETURNS**—Slaughter, 17 for 112 yards, 6.6 average... unranked  
**KICKOFF RETURNS**—Metcalfe, 23 for 351 yards, 15.3 average... 16th  
**SACKS**—Perry, 8.5 sacks... 17th

## PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	8	ATLANTA (N)
	15	At New York Giants (N)
	24	MINNESOTA (N)
	28	At Tampa Bay (N)

## 1992 SCHEDULE

		1991 SCORES
September	6	At Indianapolis... 31-0
	14	MIAMI (N)
	20	At Los Angeles Raiders... 7-17
	27	DENVER
October	4	OPEN DATE
	11	PITTSBURGH... 17-14
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## CLEVELAND BROWNS

Browns' loyalists are still trying to decide about Bill Belichick. Is he the reincarnation of Blanton Collier or merely another bloodless technocrat? He was Collier-like in the first half of his rookie season as head coach, compiling a 4-4 record with a team that required exhuming rather than rebuilding. In the second half, the Browns lost their way, winning just two games and losing six. Their typical victory was an exercise in reducing the margin of error to the minimum. Quarterback Bernie Kosar had a nine-game streak in which he did not throw an interception. Along the way he broke the NFL record for consecutive passes without an interception.

Technically, there is little to quibble about in assessing Belichick's work. But can he manage Step 2? That is, the advancement beyond Xs and Os. Among the questions about the young coach are whether he can handle the stronger personalities on his team as well as

the outside distractions that every NFL coach has to deal with. For instance, Belichick seemed to go out of his way to alienate the Cleveland press, which can only create an eventual and unnecessary problem.

Then there are the expectations—always high—of owner Art Modell, who seemed convinced after the 4-4 start that the Browns were going to the playoffs. To Modell, there were times in September when Belichick looked more like Don Shula than Blanton Collier. The fact is the Browns could slip back in 1992, not to the 3-13 of two years ago, but back to worse than last year's 6-10. The Browns are still half-baked. They have some good young talent, yet they are old in vulnerable spots. They don't have the top-caliber tight end their conservative offense needs, nor do they have the feature ball carrier and the complete offensive line to protect Kosar, their meal ticket. Their defense is in transition.

Belichick is trying to buy some time. The evidence is James Brooks, the former Cincinnati star who was signed as an expensive Plan B free agent. A few years ago, Brooks was one of the best all-round backs in the NFL. He has had a long (11 years), productive career, partly because he was used as a spot player by the San Diego Chargers in his early seasons. He hasn't been banged around as much as some other diminutive running backs. It could be that he'll provide the Browns with one more good year. But remem-



**ERIC METCALF**

ber that he operated behind a quality line and with a versatile attack in most of his years as a Bengal. Remember also that Brooks is 33.

Cleveland finished with the third-lowest rushing yardage in the conference. The Browns didn't have a runner in the AFC's top 10. For a team that should be controlling the ball more to protect Kosar, that's ominous. Kevin Mack, still a strong power back, gained 726 yards. What's lacking is dimension.



Brooks, in a down year in Cincinnati, ran for 571 yards, but his longest gain was just 25 yards. He did catch 40 passes for 348 yards. His is the role originally designed for Eric Metcalf, now a symbol of what sank Cleveland in the first place. Belichick may be tired of looking at Metcalf.

Throwing to backs does not produce happy players among some of the more temperamental Browns. Fullback Leroy Hoard suddenly became a primary receiver last year and caught 48 passes, nine for touchdowns. Since Mack caught 40, that's 88 passes to a pair of backs. The wide receivers crabbled about that, especially Webster Slaughter, who had a team-leading 64 catches. There isn't much beyond him. Rookie Michael Jackson had the speed to average 15.8 yards on his 17 catches, but he dropped a number of balls.

Kosar's non-interception string and his impressive 87.8 passer rating were not without

first-round pick whose stock went down after he tore a ligament in his knee just two weeks before the draft. He may have to play with a reinforced brace, then undergo postseason surgery. But this 308-pounder can play anywhere in the line and has the potential to be a dominant pro. Down in the 10th round, the Browns took another possible bargain, Marcus Lowe, the 305-pound nose tackle from Baylor. If Lowe's knee holds up and Johnson recovers, they could team with Michael Dean Perry and James Jones in one of the better defensive lines of the '90s.

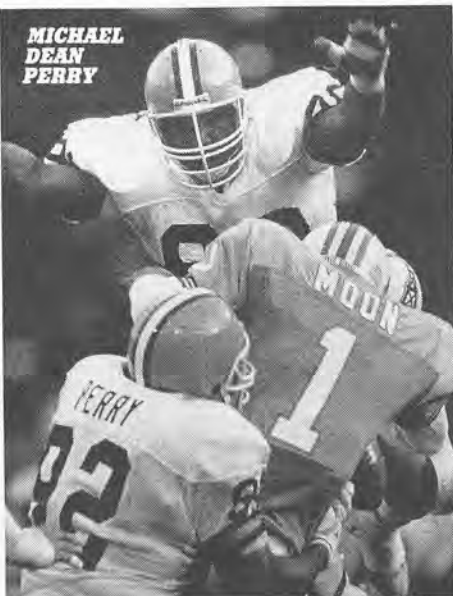
Other than Clay Matthews, 36, who was rejuvenated last year in Belichick's system, recording 6½ sacks and forcing three fumbles, there isn't much of a linebacking corps. The Browns made do with backers such as Van Waiters and Plan B pickup David Brandon. The draft brings third-rounder Gerald Dixon of South Carolina, whom some scouts preferred to the more publicized Marco Coleman of Georgia Tech.

The big guy in the secondary should be Eric Turner, who missed the first part of his rookie season with a stress fracture, then played like Ronnie Lott. Belichick will try to squeeze another year out of veteran corner Frank Minni-

field. The best rookies are Selwyn Jones of Colorado State and Tim Hill of Kansas.

Brian Hansen averaged 42.5 yards on 80 punts, 20 of which he dropped inside the 20. Place-kicker Matt Stover was inconsistent as a rookie. There are openings for return men.

**MICHAEL DEAN PERRY**



**MICHAEL JACKSON**



**JAMES BROOKS**



its price. Bernie ate the ball a lot. He was sacked 41 times, more than any season in his career. He was decked at least that many times after he released his pass. He does not suffer that stuff gladly. There has to be some sort of improvement in the protection since Kosar has been known to volunteer as a coach, which might not go down well with Belichick. The draft didn't help. Cleveland didn't take an offensive lineman until the 12th round. And even though the Browns' tight ends are nonentities, no draft choice was used to reinforce that position. The line will just have to improve. The best guys were Ed King, the right guard who made all-rookie, and tackles Tony Jones and Dan Fike.

Touchdown Tommy Vardell of Stanford, a fullback in the classic sense, was the No. 1 draft choice. With him, the Browns are now among the most formidable teams once they get close to the goal line, since Mack punched over eight touchdowns himself last year. The passing attack should be helped by the coming of San Diego State's Patrick Rowe, one of the fastest receivers in the draft. He is a kickoff-return man, too.

If they get lucky in the draft, the Browns' defensive line could benefit greatly. They used their third-round choice to take tackle Bill Johnson of Michigan State, a legitimate

## BROWNS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
61	Baib, Mike	C	6-4	275	33	Texas
24	Baldwin, Randy	RB	5-10	216	25	Mississippi
37	Barnett, Harlon	S	5-11	200	25	Michigan State
64	Bax, Carl	OL	6-4	290	26	Missouri
42	Berry, Latin	DB	5-10	196	25	Oregon
36	Briggs, Stephen	DB	5-9	180	27	Texas
58	Brandon, David	LB	6-4	230	27	Memphis State
56	Brockman, Lonnie	LB	6-3	230	24	West Virginia
	Brooks, James	RB	5-10	180	33	Auburn
52	Brown, Richard	LB	6-3	240	27	San Diego State
90	Burnett, Rob	DL	6-4	270	25	Syracuse
71	Burton, Leonard	OL	6-3	277	28	South Carolina
77	Childress, Freddie	DT	6-4	330	26	Arkansas
26	Clayborn, Raymond	CB	6-1	190	37	Texas
99	Cooks, Johnnie	LB	6-4	251	34	Mississippi St.
72	Dahl, Bob	OT	6-5	285	24	Notre Dame
27	Douglas, Derrick	FB	5-10	222	24	Louisiana Tech
74	Farren, Paul	T/G	6-6	270	32	Boston U.
53	Figar, Cedric	LB	6-3	255	26	Notre Dame
69	Fike, Dan	G	6-7	285	31	Florida
15	Foster, Sean	WR	5-11	185	25	Long Beach St.
13	Francis, Jeff	QB	6-4	225	26	Tennessee
81	Galbraith, Scott	TE	6-3	260	25	Southern Cal
8	Greenfield, Brian	P	5-11	227	23	Pittsburgh
41	Hampton, Alonzo	CB	5-10	190	25	Pittsburgh
11	Hansen, Brian	P	6-4	220	32	Sioux Falls
41	Hardy, John	CB	5-10	165	24	California
60	Harmon, Eric	OG	6-1	280	25	Clemson
23	Harper, Mark	CB	5-9	185	31	Alcorn State
38	Harris, Odie	DB	6-0	190	26	Sam Houston St.
62	Haynes, Hayward	G	6-2	280	25	Florida State
39	Hilliard, Randy	CB	5-11	160	25	Northwestern State
33	Hoard, Leroy	RB	5-11	230	24	Michigan
18	Holland, Jamie	WR	6-1	195	28	Ohio State
89	Holohan, Pete	TE	6-4	247	33	Notre Dame
25	Jackson, Alfred	CB	6-0	180	25	San Diego State
1	Jackson, Michael	WR	6-4	195	23	Southern Miss
80	James, Lynn	WR	6-0	190	27	Arizona State
59	Johnson, Mike	LB	6-1	230	30	Virginia Tech
96	Jones, James	DL	6-2	294	23	Northern Iowa
66	Jones, Tony	T	6-5	290	26	Western Carolina
48	Kinchen, Brian	TE	6-2	232	27	LSU
68	King, Ed	G	6-4	303	23	Auburn
28	Kinnbrew, Larry	FB	6-2	270	32	Tennessee State
19	Kosar, Bernie	QB	6-5	215	29	Miami
97	Logan, Ernie	DL	6-3	271	24	East Carolina
34	Mack, Kevin	FB	6-0	225	30	Clemson
57	Matthews, Clay	LB	6-2	245	36	Southern Cal
2	McCardell, Keenan	WR	6-1	185	22	UNLV
49	McGonnigal, Bruce	TE	6-4	230	24	Virginia
21	Metcalf, Eric	RB	5-10	190	24	Texas
31	Minnifield, Frank	CB	5-9	180	32	Louisville
30	Moore, Stevon	S	5-11	205	25	Mississippi
20	Morris, Joe	RB	5-7	195	32	Syracuse
55	Moss, Anthony	LB	6-4	240	25	Florida State
22	Newsome, Vince	S	6-1	185	31	Washington
40	Perkins, Bruce	RB	6-2	225	25	Arizona State
92	Perry, Michael Dean	DT	6-1	285	27	Clemson
17	Philcox, Todd	QB	6-4	225	25	Syracuse
98	Pleasant, Anthony	DE	6-5	258	24	Tennessee St.
70	Rienstra, John	G	6-5	275	29	Temple
44	Rouson, Lee	RB	6-1	222	29	Colorado
75	Sagapolutele, Pio	DL	6-6	297	22	San Diego St.
84	Slaughter, Webster	WR	6-1	170	27	San Diego St.
3	Stover, Matt	K	5-11	178	24	Louisiana Tech
87	Talley, John	TE	6-5	245	27	West Virginia
85	Tillman, Lawyer	WR	6-5	230	25	Auburn
29	Turner, Eric	S	6-1	207	23	UCLA
50	Waiters, Van	LB	6-4	250	27	Indiana

## DRAFTTEES

rd.	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Vardell, Tommy	FB	6-3	235	Stanford
2	Rowe, Patrick	WR	6-1	200	San Diego St.
3	Johnson, Bill	DT	6-4	308	Michigan State
3	Dixon, Gerald	LB	6-3	252	South Carolina
6	Smith, Rico	WR	6-0	185	Colorado
6	Williams, George	DT	6-2	303	Notre Dame
7	Jones, Selwyn	CB	6-0	184	Colorado St.
9	Hill, Tim	CB	5-8	176	Kansas
10	Lowe, Marcus	DT	6-2	305	Baylor
11	Olobia, Augustin	WR	5-11	194	Washington St.
12	McCant, Keithen	QB	6-2	205	Nebraska
12	Simpson, Tim	OG	6-2	289	Illinois



## CINCINNATI BENGALS

Nothing foretold the coming of the David Shula era in Cincinnati more than what happened on draft day. The Bengals, in need of pass rushers, offensive linemen, and running backs, selected University of Houston quarterback David Klingler.

Shula, who became the youngest coach in the NFL when the Bengals hired him to replace Sam Wyche last winter, carries an unwanted reputation as a man with a sledgehammer touch in his dealings with quarterbacks. There were reports of friction between him and Dan Marino when David was offensive coordinator for his father in Miami. His relations with Troy Aikman and Steve Walsh were not rosy when he was Dallas's quarterback coach.

Shula did not want that reputation handicapping him as he set off on his head-coaching career. Boomer Esiason, the quarterback during Wyche's most successful years, is a powerful personality and the wisecracking leader of this team. A Shula-Boomer relationship has "conflict" written all over it. Boomer also is in a two-year slump. He's 31. As Shula marches the Bengals off in their new direction, he wants the quiet, compliant, coachable Klingler alongside him. The Esiason era is about to end.

Can Shula make it? He has a lot going for him. He is an Ivy Leaguer who turned to his dad's profession when it seemed he was headed for law school. When he was 27, it

## BENGALS 1991 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Breech, 96 points on 27 extra points and 23 field goals... 8th  
RUSHING—Green, 731 yards on 158 carries, 4.6 avg., 2 TDs... 9th  
PASSING—Esiason, 233 of 413 attempts for 2,883 yards and 13 TDs... 11th  
RECEIVING—Brown, 59 receptions for 827 yards, 14.0 avg., 2 TDs... 113th  
INTERCEPTIONS—Fulcher, 4 for 51 yards, 12.8 avg., 1 TD... 15th  
PUNTING—Johnson, 64 punts, 43.7 avg., longest 62 yards... 4th  
PUNT RETURNS—Price, 14 for 203 yards, 14.5 avg., 1 TD... Unranked  
KICKOFF RETURNS—Ball, 13 for 262 yards, 20.2 average... Unranked  
SACKS—Krumrie, 4.0 sacks... T14th

## PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 9 At New York Giants (N)  
15 At Philadelphia (N)  
22 INDIANAPOLIS (N)  
28 DETROIT (N)

## 1992 SCHEDULE

		1991 SCORES
September	6 At Seattle	7-13
	13 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	14-38
	20 At Green Bay	
	27 MINNESOTA	
October	4 OPEN DATE	
	11 HOUSTON	7-30
	19 At Pittsburgh (N)	10-17
	25 At Houston	3-35
November	1 CLEVELAND	23-21
	8 At Chicago (N)	
	15 At New York Jets	
	22 DETROIT	
	29 PITTSBURGH	27-33
December	6 At Cleveland	13-14
	13 At San Diego	
	20 NEW ENGLAND	29-7
	27 INDIANAPOLIS	



appeared he would get the Philadelphia Eagles head job. At age 33, he has 10 years experience as an NFL assistant. If bloodlines mean anything, he is headed for success. Considering the Bengals' current plight, he'll need plenty of time. But the Brown family, even after the death of patriarch Paul, is famous for its patience.

What the Bengals need most is for someone to heal their defense. They have been a poor defensive team for several years, but last season the unit allowed 435 points, 55 more than the next most futile team, the Los Angeles Rams. In nine games, 30 points or more were scored against it. The Bengals were last in the league in yards allowed, average gain allowed, and passing yards. They were next to

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last in point differential and average gain per pass play.

The only surprising part of their 3-13 season is that all three victories came in December in what may have been a Christmas present to the erratic Wyche, for whom the Cincinnati public as well as the players held a warm spot. That may be an intangible blockade for Shula. For all of Wyche's tantrums, stunts, and tilting at windmills, there were many endearing qualities about the man. Shula puts on a public face that is entirely different.

The philosophy of Rod Lynn, the new defensive coordinator, is "attack!" The echo comes back: "With what?" For all of their defensive

problems—a lack of quality linemen and a sad pass rush that produced only 21 sacks (the fewest in the AFC)—the Bengals didn't address that in the draft. The first lineman drafted, Chris Burns of Middle Tennessee, came in the sixth round. He had one sack in his senior year. The only other lineman selected, Roosevelt Nix of Central State, barely



DAVID KLINGLER

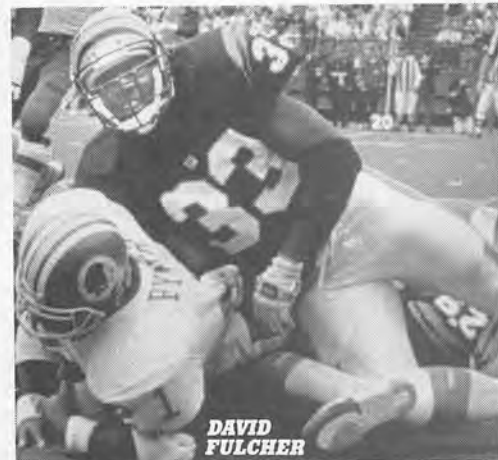
played a college game. He was picked on speculation because of his physical attributes. Tim Krumrie, the nose tackle who hasn't been the same player since fracturing his leg in the Super Bowl five seasons ago, tied for the sack lead with Daniel Stubbs at four. David Grant, who suffered a knee injury in December, could be the best lineman if he recovers. Lamar Rogers didn't show much.

The draft did bring help for the secondary. Darryl Williams, the University of Miami safety who opted for the pros after his junior year, was Cincinnati's second first-round choice. He should walk into the free-safety job across from stellar strong safety David Fulcher. Another draftee, Leonard Wheeler of Troy State, may not be ready to challenge veteran cornerbacks Wayne Haddix and Eric Thomas. Shula will have to decide what to do with safety Ricky Dixon, a major bust.

Now that the ill-advised move of James Francis to inside linebacker is over, Francis and Alfred Williams probably will develop the



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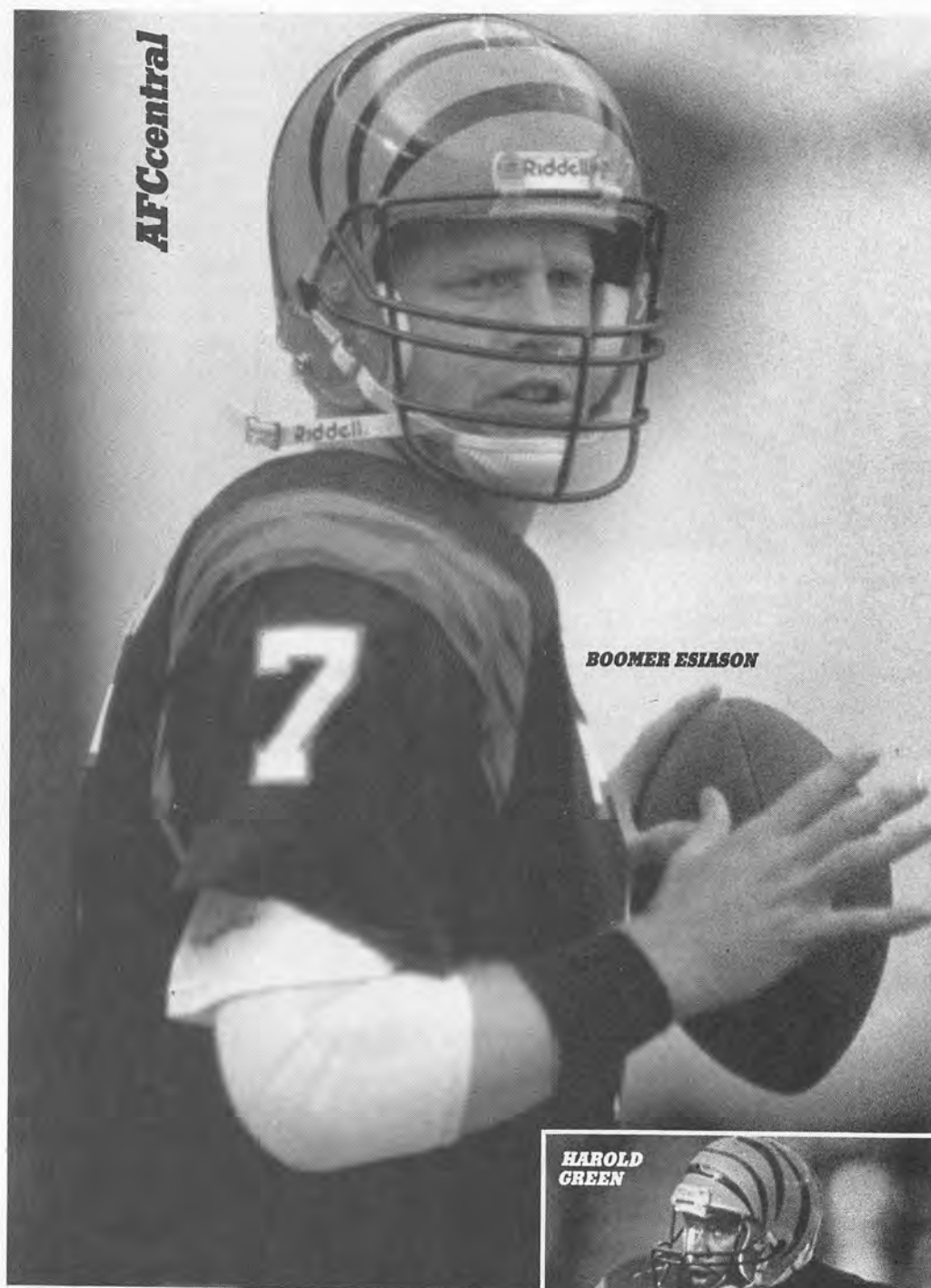
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outside-linebacker positions into the strongest defensive area. All the inside backers went on Plan B and two of them signed elsewhere. Ray Bentley was added from Buffalo's list to fill one spot. Rookie Ricardo McDonald of Pitt could fit in somewhere.

With long-time running back James Brooks gone to Cleveland, Harold Green becomes the undisputed feature back. He had a 731-yard season and a 4.6-yard average. Craig Taylor, the blocking back, carried only 33 times. Three linemen, including future Hall of Famer Anthony Munoz, ended up on the injured list last year, thus the Bengals finished with a bunch of strangers. Line coach Mouse McNally is charged with rebuilding one of the team's perennial strengths.

The Bengals still move the ball efficient through the air. Esiason threw for 2,883 yards and 13 touchdowns. He was intercepted 11 times and was the victim of many more drops. Neither of the starting wide receivers, Ed Brown and Tim McGee, had a good year. Brown caught 59 passes and McGee 51 with four touchdowns. Tight end Rodney Holman caught 31. Tennessee's formidable Carl Pickens was worthy of being taken in the first round selections, but every team red-flagged him as a bad-attitude guy and the Bengals got a possible bargain in the second round.

There is nothing wrong with the kicking game. Punter Lee Johnson averaged 43.3 yards and kicker Jim Breech was true on 23 of 29 field goals.

**BENGALS VETERAN ROSTER**

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
65	Arthur, Mike	C	6-3	271	24	Texas A&M
42	Ball, Eric	RB	6-2	214	26	UCLA
86	Barber, Mike	WR	5-11	172	25	Marshall
53	Barker, Leo	LB	6-2	230	33	New Mexico St.
35	Bennett, Antoine	CB	5-11	185	25	Florida A&M
90	Bentley, Ray	LB	6-2	235	32	Central Michigan
3	Breech, Jim	K	5-6	161	36	California
81	Brown, Eddie	WR	6-0	185	30	Miami
27	Bussey, Barney	S	6-0	210	30	South Carolina St.
38	Dingle, Mike	RB	6-2	240	23	South Carolina
29	Dixon, Rickey	FS	5-11	191	26	Oklahoma
7	Esiason, Boomer	QB	6-5	220	31	Maryland
26	Fenner, Derrick	RB	6-3	228	25	North Carolina
50	Francis, James	LB	6-5	252	24	Baylor
33	Fulcher, David	S	6-3	238	28	Arizona State
89	Garrett, Shane	WR	5-11	185	25	Texas A&M
58	Gordon, Alex	LB	6-5	245	28	Cincinnati
98	Grant, David	NT	6-5	278	27	West Virginia
28	Green, Harold	RB	6-2	222	24	South Carolina
45	Haddix, Wayne	CB	6-1	205	29	Liberty
12	Hollas, Donald	QB	6-3	215	25	Rice
82	Holman, Rodney	TE	6-3	238	32	Tulane
11	Johnson, Lee	P/K	6-2	200	31	BYU
25	Jones, Rod	CB	6-0	185	28	SMU
84	Kattus, Eric	TE	6-5	251	29	Michigan
55	Kirk, Randy	LB	6-2	231	28	San Diego St.
64	Kozerski, Bruce	C	6-4	287	30	Holy Cross
69	Krumrie, Tim	NT	6-2	274	32	Wis-Madison
77	Lavin, Jim	T	6-3	282	24	Georgia Tech
85	McGee, Tim	WR	5-10	183	28	Tennessee
62	Melander, Jon	T	6-7	280	26	Minnesota
99	Miltz, Alonzo	DE	6-4	278	29	Florida
73	Moyer, Ken	G	6-7	297	26	Toledo
78	Munoz, Anthony	T	6-6	284	34	Southern Cal
32	Price, Mitchell	CB	5-9	181	25	Tulane
88	Rembert, Reggie	WR	6-5	200	26	West Virginia
72	Ridgle, Elston	DE	6-5	277	29	Nevada
87	Riggs, Jim	TE	6-5	245	29	Clemson
79	Rogers, Lamar	DE	6-4	292	25	Auburn
76	Scrufford, Kirk	T	6-6	255	25	Montana
67	Stubbs, Daniel	DE	6-4	264	27	Miami
97	Stewart, Andrew	DE	6-5	265	27	Cincinnati
20	Taylor, Craig	RB	6-0	228	26	West Virginia
22	Thomas, Eric	CB	5-11	181	28	Tulane
96	Tuatafaloa, Nati	DE	6-4	274	26	California
34	Vinson, Ferrandus	S	5-10	197	24	N.C. State
59	Walker, Kevin	LB	6-3	244	27	Maryland
63	Walter, Joe	T	6-7	292	29	Texas Tech
52	Walton, Tim	LB	6-2	223	26	Ball State
51	White, Leon	LB	6-3	242	29	BYU
4	Wilhelm, Erik	CB	6-3	217	27	Oregon State
94	Williams, Alfred	LB	6-6	240	24	Colorado
60	Withycombe, Mike	T	6-5	310	28	Fresno State

**DRAFTES**

rd.	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Klingler, David	QB	6-2	205	Houston
1	Williams, Darryl	S	6-0	191	Miami
2	Pickens, Carl	WR	6-2	206	Tennessee
3	Wheeler, Leonard	DB	5-11	189	Troy State
4	McDonald, Ricardo	LB	6-2	235	Pittsburgh
5	Thompson, Craig	TE	6-2	244	N.C. A&T
6	Burns, Chris	DE	6-4	282	Middle Tenn. St.
7	Olberding, Lance	T	6-6	307	Iowa
8	Nix, Roosevelt	DE	6-6	315	Central St. (OH)
9	Miles, Ostell	RB	6-0	236	Houston
10	Smith, Horace	CB	5-10	180	Oregon Tech
11	Earle, John	OL	6-5	284	Western Illinois
12	Shaw, Eric	LB	6-3	248	Louisiana Tech



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## BILLS 1991 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

**SCORING**—Norwood, 110 points on 56 extra points and 18 field goals ... 14th  
**RUSHING**—Thomas, 1,407 yards on 288 carries, 4.9 avg., 7 TDs ... 1st  
**PASSING**—Kelly, 304 of 474 attempts for 3,844 yards and 33 TDs ... 1st  
**RECEIVING**—Reed, 81 receptions for 1,113 yards, 13.7 avg., 10 TDs ... 4th  
**INTERCEPTIONS**—Odomes, 5 for 120 yards, 24.0 average, 1 TD ... T3rd  
**PUNTING**—Mohr, 54 punts, 38.6 average, longest 58 yards ... 14th  
**PUNT RETURNS**—Edwards, 13 for 69 yards, 5.3 average ... unranked  
**KICKOFF RETURNS**—Edwards, 31 for 623 yards, 20.1 avg., 1 TD ... 7th  
**SACKS**—Bennett, 9.0 sacks ... T6th

## PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	8	At Minnesota (N)
	17	DETROIT (N)
	24	At Kansas City (N)
	28	At Atlanta

## 1992 SCHEDULE

		1991 SCORES
September	6	LOS ANGELES RAMS .....
	13	At San Francisco .....
	20	INDIANAPOLIS (N) .....
	27	At New England .....
October	4	MIAMI .....
	11	At Los Angeles Raiders .....
	18	OPEN DATE .....
	26	At New York Jets (N) .....
November	1	NEW ENGLAND .....
	8	PITTSBURGH .....
	16	At Miami (N) .....
	22	ATLANTA .....
	29	At Indianapolis .....
December	6	NEW YORK JETS .....
	12	DENVER .....
	20	At New Orleans .....
	27	At Houston (N) .....

## BUFFALO BILLS

Are the Bills the Denver Broncos of the '90s? Are they merely a good AFC team handicapped by fundamental flaws, especially on defense, that surface when they play the better NFC teams?

"To be a better football team," said star defensive end Bruce Smith minutes after the Washington Redskins had demolished Buffalo in Super Bowl XXVI, "We have to get our defensive house in order."

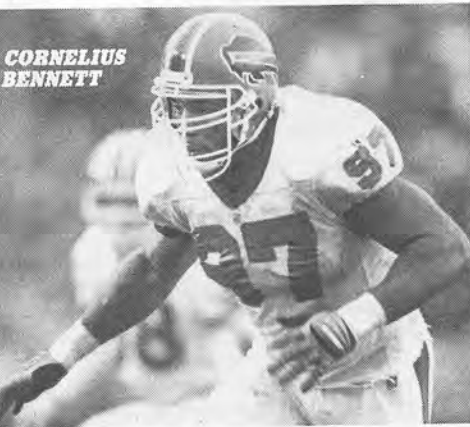
True, but Smith is part of the problem, or at least his gimpy knee is. The dominating AFC defensive player in 1990, Smith played only a handful of games last season because of lingering knee problems. The Bills need him to show up every week this season because

they don't get much outside push without blitzing their linebackers. Nose tackle Jeff Wright missed about half the season due to injury, so Buffalo's next-to-last ranking in AFC team defense is somewhat deceptive. Nevertheless, even with Smith and Wright in the lineup, the Bills are less than formidable. A strong pass rush is vital to compensate for the weaknesses in the secondary. Only cornerback Nate Odomes would be likely to start on other NFL powers.

Defense isn't the only worry for a team that has won 30 games in the last two seasons. First Denver, in the conference championship game, then the Redskins, in the Super Bowl, demonstrated that Buffalo's rapid-scoring no-huddle offense can be dealt with. The Broncos did it by successfully matching their defensive quickness against the Bills, which allowed them to free up a blitzer at all times. Washington cleverly timed its substitutions to insert the players it wanted in the game in desired situations.

Is the no-huddle doomed? That's a touchy subject, especially since Jim Kelly, the strong-willed quarterback, is so committed to it. Kelly is in personal command of the game with the no-huddle and he would be reluctant to give it up. Besides, the no-huddle guru, Ted Marchibroda, is now head coach of the Colts. In his place are Tom Bresnahan, rookie offensive

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coordinator, and Jim Shofner, the new quarterback coach. In Kelly's perspective, they will be on probation.

The Bills' ego factor, which disrupted them during Super Bowl week, is an intangible which coach Marv Levy must grapple with. Yet, despite the problems, the Bills have too many good players to fall flat in the AFC. They may not qualify for their third consecutive Super Bowl, but they should be among the elite involved in the final weeks of the tournament. No team with Kelly, Smith, Thurman Thomas, Cornelius Bennett, and five other Pro Bowl players should do less. Buffalo will play a schedule far more challenging than it faced in 1991. This year they travel to Houston, San Francisco, New Orleans, and Los Angeles



(Raiders). The non-divisional home games include meetings with Atlanta and Kansas City. The schedule could provide a January bonus: The Bills will be battled-tested.

At 32, Kelly is in his prime and remains the balance wheel of the offense. His pass-efficiency rating, 97.6, was 10 points higher than any other AFC quarterback. His 33 touchdown passes were eight more than the runner-up. No one was close to his average gain per passing attempt: 8.11 yards. The only question about Kelly doesn't concern numbers, but bullheadedness. He calls his own plays and he can design which route the Bills will take in a big game. In both Super Bowl defeats, Kelly tried to do too much himself. The Giants offered him a two-man defensive line, but he didn't use his running game enough. Against Washington he was no match for Richie Petitbon and the rest of the Redskins' defensive strategists.

The Bills seldom lined up with a two-back set in '91. The fullback virtually became forgotten. Part of that was due to the nerve injury which kept Jamie Mueller out of football for the year. The no-huddle may not be rendered obsolete, but it cries out for diversity. In the one-back set, Thurman Thomas can be removed from the passing game if the defense chooses to blitz most of the time. Kelly needs more

vel, catching 57 passes and scoring eight touchdowns. But at this point in his career, the only thing sure about 1992 is that he will be 36. Don Beebe was on the field most of the time in the favored one-man set and he caught 32 passes and six touchdowns. Yet Beebe has concentration problems, e.g., his miserable Super Bowl. The Bills need more production from tight end Keith McKeller, who caught 44 passes but drops too many balls in critical situations.

The most important Plan B signing was Steve Christie, the Tampa Bay kicker. He may provide a double improvement over incumbent kicker Scott Norwood: more accurate field-goaling and the saving of a roster spot, since a kickoff specialist was carried last year.

Linebacking remains the strongest defensive area, especially with the maturing of Cornelius Bennett. With Smith and Wright out of the lineup for long periods, defensive coordinator Walt Corey played Bennett in a variety of positions, including middle linebacker. Bennett provided most of what turned out to be a relatively flabby pass rush, providing nine of the 31 sacks. Darryl Talley, the other outside linebacker, went to the Pro Bowl again. Shane Conlan, the veteran inside linebacker, suffered a knee injury in the Super Bowl and there is some worry about his recovery. Carlton Bailey, whose interception of John Elway produced Buffalo's only touchdown in the AFC championship game, is the other insider.

It's essential that the 1990 and '91 first-round draftees, J.D. Williams and Henry Jones, disappointments so far, make a contribution in the secondary. Since only one safety, Mark Kelso, was protected in Plan B, Jones gets the first shot at strong safety, with Kelso at free. Williams will battle with Kirby Jackson at left cornerback.

The Bills used their top '92 draft pick for an offensive lineman, John Fina of Arizona, to rejuvenate an area threatened by age and injury. After that, the concentration was on defense. Tackles James Patton of Texas and Frank Kmet of Purdue should provide some depth and dimension. Matt Darby of UCLA could find work as a combination safety/linebacker in the nickel defense. Keith Goganious is another Penn State linebacker, a species admired by the Buffalo brass.

Levy emphasizes special teams, and the Bills improved dramatically in both punt re-

turns and coverage. Clifford Hicks assumed the return job late in the season and averaged 16.9 yards. The coverage was the best in the NFL, a miserly 3.5 yards. Steve Tasker went to the Pro Bowl again as the AFC's top special-teams performer. Darrick Brownlow was signed from Dallas's Plan B list.

## BILLS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
54	Bailey, Carlton	LB	6-3	235	27	North Carolina
62	Baldinger, Brian	OL	6-4	278	33	Duke
92	Baldinger, Gary	NT	6-3	270	28	Wake Forest
75	Ballard, Howard	T	6-6	325	28	Alabama A&M
82	Beebe, Don	WR	5-11	184	27	Chadron State
97	Bennett, Cornelius	LB	6-2	238	26	Alabama
64	Brennan, Mike	OL	6-5	285	25	Notre Dame
57	Brownlow, Darrick	LB	5-10	240	23	Illinois
2	Christie, Steve	K	6-0	185	24	William & Mary
58	Conlan, Shane	LB	6-3	230	28	Penn State
60	Davis, Darrell	LB	6-2	264	26	TCU
65	Davis, John	G	6-4	310	27	Georgia Tech
23	Davis, Kenneth	RB	5-10	208	30	TCU
45	Drane, Dwight	SS	6-2	205	30	Oklahoma
85	Edwards, Al	WR	5-8	173	25	NW La. St.
50	Fairs, Eric	LB	6-3	244	28	Memphis State
59	Ferrote, Mitch	OL	6-3	285	27	Penn State
33	Fuller, Eddie	RB	5-9	201	24	LSU
5	Gamble, Kenny	RB	5-10	206	27	Colgate
55	Gardner, Carwell	FB	6-2	232	25	Louisville
99	Garner, Hal	LB	6-4	238	30	Utah State
7	Gilbert, Gale	QB	6-3	210	30	California
29	Griffith, Howard	RB	6-0	223	24	Illinois
68	Hackmack, Ken	T	6-9	325	24	Texas
26	Hale, Chris	CB	5-7	170	26	Southern Cal
90	Hansen, Phil	DE	6-5	275	24	North Dakota St.
52	Harvey, Richard	LB	6-1	235	25	Tulane
27	Hicks, Clifford	CB	5-10	188	20	Oregon
67	Hull, Kent	C	6-5	278	31	Mississippi St.
47	Jackson, Kirby	CB	5-10	180	27	Mississippi St.
20	Jones, Henry	S	5-11	197	24	Illinois
98	Jones, Marlon	DE	6-4	278	28	Central State
12	Kelly, Jim	QB	6-3	218	32	Miami
38	Kelso, Mark	FS	5-11	185	29	William & Mary
81	Lamb, Brad	WR	5-10	171	24	Anderson (IN)
7	Lodish, Mike	NT	6-3	272	25	UCLA
80	Lofton, James	WR	6-3	190	36	Stanford
55	Maddox, Mark	LB	6-1	233	24	No. Michigan
17	Mayfield, Curtis	WR	5-11	174	24	Oklahoma St.
84	McKeller, Keith	TE	6-4	245	28	Jacksonville St.
88	Metzelaars, Pete	TE	6-7	250	32	Wabash
9	Mohr, Chris	P	6-5	215	26	Alabama
41	Mueller, Jamie	FB	6-1	224	27	Benedictine
11	Norwood, Scott	K	6-0	207	32	James Madison
37	Odomes, Nate	CB	5-10	188	27	Wisconsin
74	Parker, Glenn	OL	6-5	305	26	Arizona
44	Palera, Greg	FB	5-11	220	25	Slippery Rock
53	Patton, Marcus	LB	6-2	225	25	UCLA
94	Pike, Mark	DE	6-4	272	28	Georgia Tech
83	Reed, Andre	WR	6-2	190	26	Kutztown
14	Reich, Frank	QB	6-4	210	30	Maryland
51	Ritcher, Jim	G	6-3	273	34	N.C. State
96	Seals, Leon	DE	6-5	270	28	Jackson St.
77	Sims, Kenneth	DE	6-5	290	32	Texas
78	Smith, Bruce	DE	6-4	273	29	Virginia Tech
46	Smith, Leonard	SS	5-11	202	31	McNeese State
79	Staysniak, Joe	T	6-5	295	25	Ohio State
61	Stephenson, Jeff	LB	6-4	240	26	St. Cloud St.
56	Talley, Darryl	LB	6-2	235	32	West Virginia
89	Tasker, Steve	WR	5-9	183	30	Northwestern
21	Taylor, Brian	S	5-10	195	24	Oregon State
87	Thomas, Ed	TE	6-3	245	26	Houston
34	Thomas, Thurman	RB	5-10	198	26	Oklahoma State
63	Ungner, Adam	C	6-4	268	31	Illinois
72	Williams, Chris	NT	6-3	304	23	American Int.
31	Williams, J.D.	CB	5-10	178	25	Fresno State
69	Wolford, Will	T	6-5	297	28	Vanderbilt
22	Wren, Darryl	CB	6-0	186	25	Pittsburg St.
91	Wright, Jeff	NT	6-3	270	29	Central Mo. St.

## DRAFTES

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1	Fina, John	OL	6-4	282	Arizona
2	Patton, James	DL	6-3	276	Texas
3	Goganious, Keith	LB	6-2	237	Penn State
4	Kmet, Frank	DL	6-3	289	Purdue
5	Darby, Matt	S	6-1	200	UCLA
6	Turner, Nate	TE	6-1	241	Nebraska
7	Schultz, Kurt	S	6-1	206	Eastern WA
8	Humphries, Leonard	DB	5-9	170	Penn State
9	Walsh, Chris	WR	6-1	185	Stanford
10	Rose, Barry	WR	6-0	190	Wis.-Stevens Pl.
11	Marrow, Vince	TE	6-5	255	Toledo
12	Rodgers, Matt	QB	6-4	205	Iowa



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input from the coaches along the sidelines, even though he resents it. Bresnahan and Shofner will have to be diplomats to pull it off.

The Bills' offensive line is physically equipped to play a power running game. Will Wolford and Howard Ballard are among the top tackles in the league and Kent Hull is one of the premier centers. Left guard Jim Ritcher is 34, but he went to the Pro Bowl for the first time in his career. Glenn Parker, whose play in the Super Bowl was hindered by a knee injury, inherits right guard since John Davis suffered a midseason knee injury that will keep him out of action until at least November.

Maybe Thomas isn't the Michael Jordan of this team, but the Bills will settle for him being Thurman Thomas. He led the AFC in rushing, with 1,407 yards, and added 631 more yards on 50 pass receptions. He scored 12 touchdowns and remains the man to stop if anyone hopes to defeat Buffalo. Kenneth Davis gained 624 yards in a backup role. His 4.8-yard average was topped only by Thomas among the AFC's first 15 rushers.

Charley Joiner, the new receivers coach, may have inherited a problem. Andre Reed was the AFC's No. 2 man, with 1,113 receiving yards, and James Lofton No. 5, with 1,072, but there are worries. Lofton was a physical mar-



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# AFC East NEW YORK JETS

The Jets are a playoff paradox. It isn't just their won-lost record, a modest 8-8. Teams with .500 records made the playoffs before. What set the Jets apart was that they did it in such a contradictory manner.

They were in the midst of attempting to replace their starting quarterback, Ken O'Brien, and the running back who is supposed to be the centerpiece of their offense, Blair Thomas, was a major disappointment. Nonetheless, they scored 24 more points than they had the previous season and improved their total-offense average by almost 27 yards and their passing offense by almost 25. They also controlled the ball, leading the AFC in average possession time (33 minutes, 25 seconds).

The most important thing for the Jets this season is not to delude themselves. They are an improving team, but right now they are just good enough to be interesting. None of their eight victories came at the expense of a winning team. When they didn't start well, they rarely won. Yet they twice beat the team they had to get by to make the playoffs: Miami. They play Buffalo, the AFC champion, tough. In fact, they play everyone tough, losing just 17-10 to Houston in the playoffs.

"We don't have any glaring weaknesses," said coach Bruce Coslet, "but we don't have any glaring strengths, either."

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So it might be necessary for the Jets to take a step backward in order to advance far in the future. With O'Brien at quarterback, they remain in a holding pattern. Troy Taylor has some experience, but Coslet may have to play Browning Nagle, last year's top draft choice. Nagle has a much better arm than Taylor and he is projected as a better leader than O'Brien, who has lost the confidence of his teammates. His moment of truth may have come two seasons ago when he pulled up short rather than challenge Miami safety Louis Oliver on the Dolphins' goal line.

"O'Brien was the best quarterback for us last year," said Coslet, "but that's history now. It's wide open." Coslet hired Walt Harris, the ex-Pacific University head coach, to tutor the quarterbacks, and it seems obvious that Nagle will be his special project.



BLAIR THOMAS

## JETS 1991 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Leahy, 108 points on 30 extra points and 26 field goals... 5th  
RUSHING—Thomas, 728 yards on 189 carries, 3.9 avg., 3 TDs... 10th  
PASSING—O'Brien, 287 of 489 attempts for 3,300 yards and 10 TDs... 8th  
RECEIVING—Toon, 74 receptions for 963 yards, 13.0 average... 5th  
INTERCEPTIONS—Brim, 4 for 52 yards, 13.0 average... T4th  
PUNTING—Aguilar, 64 punts, 39.4 avg., longest 61 yards... 13th  
PUNT RETURNS—Mathis, 23 for 157 yards, 6.8 average... 8th  
KICKOFF RETURNS—Mathis, 29 for 599 yards, 20.7 average... 6th  
SACKS—Lageman, 10.0 sacks... T5th

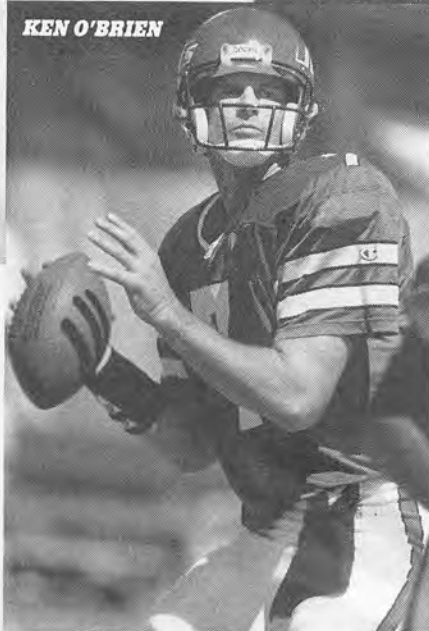
## PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 1 Philadelphia at Canton, OH  
8 WASHINGTON (N)  
16 Green Bay at Madison, WI (N)  
22 NEW YORK GIANTS (N)  
27 At Philadelphia (N)

## 1992 SCHEDULE

1992 SCHEDULE	1991 SCORES
September 6 At Atlanta	.....
13 At Pittsburgh	.....
20 SAN FRANCISCO	.....
27 At Los Angeles Rams	.....
October 4 NEW ENGLAND (N)	..... 3-6
11 At Indianapolis	..... 17-6
18 OPEN DATE	.....
26 BUFFALO (N)	..... 20-23
November 1 MIAMI	..... 41-23
8 At Denver	.....
15 CINCINNATI	.....
22 At New England	..... 28-21
29 KANSAS CITY	.....
December 6 At Buffalo	..... 13-24
13 INDIANAPOLIS	..... 27-28
20 At Miami (N)	..... 23-20
26 NEW ORLEANS	.....

KEN O'BRIEN





Coslet also has to show more confidence in Thomas. After he committed a grievous fumble in a close, Monday night loss to Chicago, Thomas seemed to lose his own confidence and Coslet didn't show much faith in him. Thomas led the team with 728 yards, but when they made him the No. 1 pick in the 1990 draft, the Jets had visions of 1,200-yard seasons. Johnny Hector and Freeman McNeil are dependable spot players at this stage of their careers. Each averaged more than five yards per carry last year. But Hector is 32 and McNeil 33. Sooner rather than later, Thomas has to be the man. Fullback Brad Baxter is a good blocker and dependable short-yardage thumper. He scored 11 touchdowns.

The development of Thomas is doubly important if Coslet elects to go with Nagle at quarterback. Al Toon (74 catches and 963 yards) and Rob Moore (70 and 987) are superb receivers, yet Nagle can't be expected to direct a wide-open passing offense as soon as he gets into the lineup. He needs protection from a running game and also from the acquisition of a quality tight end to give him a short-passing escape device. The Jets demonstrated with their impressive time of possession that they can operate a ball-control offense. Once he's trusted to operate a more daring offense, Nagle will have the necessary big-play tools: Toon, Moore, Chris Burkett, and now Rob Carpenter, Moore's old Syracuse running mate, a Plan B addition.

The Jets got a good year from veteran offensive right tackle Irv Eatman and Dave Cadigan developed at left guard to improve the line. Jim Sweeney is dependable at center and Dwayne White is an underrated right guard. Jeff Criswell has to be challenged at left tackle and depth could be a problem.



Sentiment got in the way of business in the last few years as place-kicker Pat Leahy stayed a bit beyond his time. Raul Allegre, the ex-Giant, replaced him late last season and was successful on four of his five field-goal attempts. New York might have won one or two more games had Allegre been around all year. Strong place-kicking is important to a team in offensive transition.

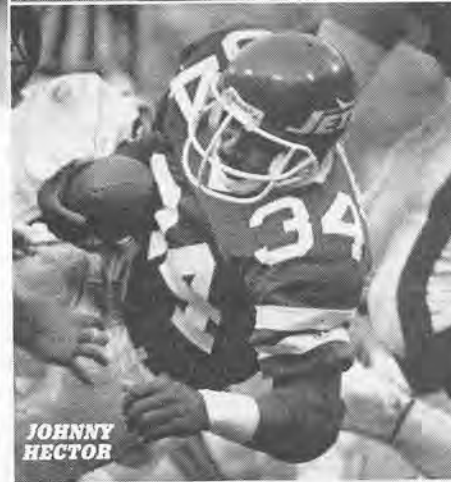
Defensively, the Jets are a much better team. They allowed 52 fewer points, 29 fewer yards per game, and forced nine more fumbles. The most significant improvement was in defending against the run. They cut their yield by 36 yards a game, from 126.1 to 90.1, the

second-best figure in the AFC. The defense also combined with the special teams for 37 take-aways, which resulted in 66 points.

The strength of the defense is the line, where the right side, end Jeff Lageman and tackle Dennis Byrd, produced 17 sacks, 10 by Lageman. Marvin Washington is emerging as one of the better young ends on the left side. Scott Mersereau is a tough, stay-home tackle, but the Jets could use some better backups. Mo Lewis ranked behind Mike Croel of Denver as the AFC's brightest rookie linebacker, delivering ahead of the scouts' expectations. Middle backer Kyle Clifton was easily the leading tackler, with 138—including 84 solos. They need a high-level linebacker on the right to replace journeyman Joe Kelly, and there isn't much reserve strength.

There was an interesting development in the secondary, which said something for team cohesion. Veteran Lonnie Young, picked up cheaply in a trade with Phoenix, beat out ex-Pro Bowl free safety Erik McMillan and had a fine season. Yet the fiery McMillan continued to contribute heavily, leading the special teams in tackles and the defense in forced fumbles. The big need this year is for Tony Stargell to rebound from the sophomore jinx and reclaim his left-corner job from Mike Brim. James Hasty is aggressively effective on the right side. Strong safety Brian Washington finished second in tackles.

Burkett was named the Jets' Most Valuable Player for his work on the special teams. The overall coverage was superb, but the return game needs improvement.



The draft brings Johnny Mitchell, a potential super tight end who played only two years at Nebraska. He and Nagle could grow up together. The next three picks should help, eventually. Southern Cal's Kurt Barber may need rehabilitation time for his knee injury, but Keo Coleman of Mississippi State, another linebacker, may be a useful run stopper on the goal line. Washington offensive tackle Siupeli Malamala might push Criswell now.

### JETS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
4	Aguiar, Louie	P	6-2	200	26	Utah State
2	Allegre, Raul	K	5-10	167	33	Texas
47	Anthony, Corwin	TE	6-3	240	24	UCLA
30	Baxter, Brad	RB	6-1	235	25	Alabama State
84	Beach, Pat	TE	6-4	250	33	Washington St.
80	Boyer, Mark	TE	6-4	242	30	Southern Cal
43	Brim, Mike	CB	6-0	192	26	Virginia Union
29	Brown, A.B.	RB	5-9	215	27	West Virginia
33	Bryant, Blaise	RB	5-11	203	23	Iowa State
87	Burkett, Chris	WR	6-4	200	30	Jackson State
90	Byrd, Dennis	DT	6-5	266	26	Tulsa
66	Cadigan, Dave	G	6-4	285	27	Southern Cal
83	Carpenter, Rob	WR	6-2	215	24	Syracuse
28	Chaffey, Pat	RB	6-1	225	25	Oregon State
59	Clifton, Kyle	LB	6-4	236	30	TCU
69	Criswell, Jeff	T	6-7	291	28	Graceland
89	Dawkins, Dale	WR	6-1	190	26	Miami
62	Duffy, Roger	C	6-3	285	25	Penn State
75	Eatman, Irv	T	6-7	298	31	UCLA
36	Fishback, Joe	S	6-0	205	25	Carson-Newman
91	Frase, Paul	DL	6-5	270	27	Syracuse
92	Gardner, Donnie	DE	6-3	260	24	Kentucky
96	Gunn, Mark	DE	6-5	292	24	Pittsburgh
79	Haight, Mike	G-T	6-4	291	30	Iowa
61	Hart, Roy	DT	6-0	285	27	South Carolina
40	Hasty, James	CB	6-0	201	27	Washington St.
74	Hayes, Mark	T	6-6	295	24	Arizona State
34	Hector, Johnny	RB	5-11	212	32	Texas A&M
55	Houston, Bobby	LB	6-2	235	25	N.C. St.
54	Jenkins, Pepper	LB	6-4	216	24	Long Beach St.
95	Johnson, Troy	LB	6-2	236	28	Oklahoma
58	Kelly, Joe	LB	6-2	235	28	Washington
82	Kelly, Pat	TE	6-6	252	27	Syracuse
35	Kinard, Leroy	RB	5-9	200	23	Liberty
25	Kors, R.J.	S	6-0	195	26	Long Beach St.
56	Lageman, Jeff	DE	6-5	266	25	Virginia
5	Leahy, Pat	K	6-0	200	41	St. Louis
5	Lewis, Mo	LB	6-3	240	23	Georgia
81	Mathis, Terance	WR	5-10	170	25	New Mexico
22	McMillan, Erik	S	6-2	200	27	Missouri
24	McNeil, Freeman	RB	5-11	208	33	UCLA
94	Mersereau, Scott	DT	6-3	275	27	S. Connecticut
72	Miller, Brett	T	6-7	286	34	Iowa
17	Moore, Reggie	WR	5-9	175	24	UCLA
85	Moore, Rob	WR	6-3	205	24	Syracuse
51	Mott, Joe	LB	6-4	234	27	Iowa
8	Nagle, Browning	QB	6-3	225	24	Louisville
7	O'Brien, Ken	QB	6-4	212	32	Cal-Davis
21	Odegard, Don Boyd	CB	6-0	180	26	UNLV
71	Pickel, Bill	DT	6-5	265	33	Rutgers
20	Price, Dennis	CB	6-1	175	27	UCLA
49	Sadowski, Troy	TE	6-5	250	27	Georgia
45	Stargell, Tony	CB	5-11	180	26	Tennessee St.
10	Stavrovsky, Jason	K	5-9	170	29	Tulsa
53	Sweeney, Jim	OL	6-4	286	30	Pittsburgh
11	Taylor, Troy	QB	6-4	200	24	California
32	Thomas, Blair	RB	5-10	195	25	Penn State
88	Toon, Al	WR	6-4	205	29	Wisconsin
23	Turner, Marcus	DB	6-0	185	26	UCLA
48	Washington, Brian	S	6-1	212	27	Nebraska
97	Washington, Marvin	DE	6-6	272	27	Idaho
86	Whisenant, Ken	TE	6-3	240	30	Georgia Tech
67	White, Dwayne	G	6-2	305	25	Alcorn State
31	Young, Lonnie	DB	6-1	192	29	Michigan State

### DRAFTIES

rd.	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Mitchell, Johnny	TE	6-2	263	Nebraska
2	Barber, Kurt	LB	6-4	241	Southern Cal
3	Malamala, Siupeli	OT	6-5	315	Washington
4	Coleman, Keo	LB	6-1	250	Mississippi St.
5	Dixon, Cal	C	6-4	284	Florida
6	Cadree, Glenn	LB	6-3	238	Houston
6	Blake, Jeff	QB	6-0	202	East Carolina
8	Brownlee, Vincent	WR	5-11	190	Mississippi
10	Johnson, Mario	DT/DE	6-3	313	Missouri
11	Bolles, Eric	WR	6-3	201	Central WA



## MIAMI DOLPHINS

At the NFL's winter meetings, Dick MacPherson, the Patriots coach, made an observation about the Miami Dolphins. "They'll either go up or they'll go down," predicted Mac. "They won't stay the same."

The Dolphins pushed the "up" button at the college draft in the spring, using their two first-round selections to acquire cornerback Troy Vincent of Wisconsin, the best cover man available, and Marco Coleman, who they hope will expand their pass-rushing horizons. In fact, six of the first seven picks were defensive players.

Small wonder. Miami allowed 349 points last year. Only punching bags like Indianapolis and Cincinnati allowed more. The Bills, whom Dolphin coach Don Shula annually tabs as "the team to beat," scored 76 on Miami in two games. San Diego, of all teams, scored 28 points in the last quarter to beat the Dolphins. In the showdown game for the last AFC playoff spot, the Dolphins allowed the Jets to drive 44 yards for the tying field goal, then 65 more for the winning field goal in overtime.

### DOLPHINS 1991 RANKINGS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Stoyanovich, 121 points on 28 extra points and 31 field goals... 1st  
RUSHING—Higgs, 905 yards on 231 carries, 3.9 avg., 4 TDs... 5th  
PASSING—Marino, 318 of 549 attempts for 3,970 yards and 25 TDs... 3rd  
RECEIVING—Duper, 70 receptions for 1,085 yards, 15.5 avg., 5 TDs... 17th  
—Clayton, 70 receptions for 1,053 yards, 15.0 avg., 12 TDs... 17th  
INTERCEPTIONS—Oliver, 5 for 80 yards, 16.0 average... T3rd  
PUNTING—Roby, 54 punts, 45.7 avg., longest 64 yards... 1st  
PUNT RETURNS—Miller, 28 for 248 yards, 8.9 average... 5th  
KICKOFF RETURNS—Craver, 32 for 615 yards, 19.2 average... 11th  
SACKS—Cross, 7.0 sacks... T9th

### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 1 Washington at Orlando (N)  
7 DALLAS (N)  
15 Denver at Berlin, Germany  
22 TAMPA BAY (N)  
27 New Orleans at Baltimore, MD (N)

### 1992 SCHEDULE

		1991 SCORES
September	6 NEW ENGLAND	30-20
	14 At Cleveland (N)	
	20 LOS ANGELES RAMS	
October	27 At Seattle	
	4 At Buffalo	31-35
	11 ATLANTA	
November	18 OPEN DATE	
	25 INDIANAPOLIS	
	1 At New York Jets	23-41
	8 At Indianapolis	10-6
	16 BUFFALO (N)	27-41
December	22 HOUSTON	13-17
	29 At New Orleans	
	6 At San Francisco	
	14 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS (N)	
	20 NEW YORK JETS (N)	20-23
	27 At New England	20-10

DAN MARINO

At 6-foot-3 and 259 pounds, Coleman is supposed to be too small to be a full-time defensive end and too bulky for all the duties of a linebacker. But Shula doesn't care. What concerns him is Coleman's specialty: rushing the passer. He had 23 sacks in his last two years at Georgia Tech and his 28 overall broke Pat Swilling's school record. Coleman also had 50 tackles for losses. Vincent might be the premier player to come out of the draft. Shula could use him to take the opposition's



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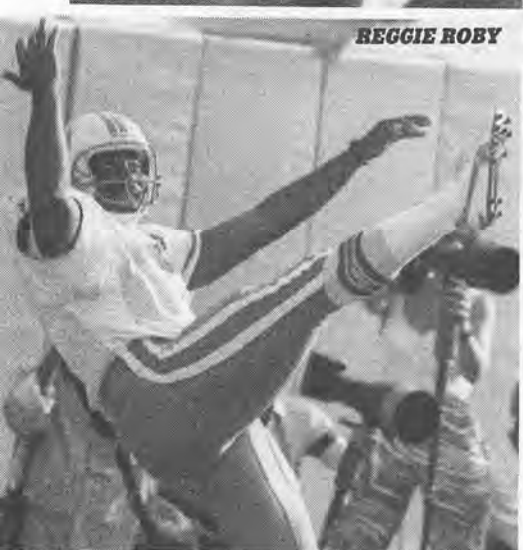


best receiver out of the game. He also excels as a punt returner, having scored a touchdown on that specialty in each of last three college seasons.

The Dolphins didn't stop there in an attempt to stanch the defensive bleeding that has gone on for half a decade. Their third pick, 321-pound Auburn guard Eddie Blake, will be tried as a defensive lineman. "We needed a run defender," explained defensive coordinator Tom Olivadotti, whose guys finished next to last against the run in the NFL. "You can't win in this league if you don't stop the run." Blake, who has a defensive personality, has been used on defense before.



**MARK HIGGS**



**REGGIE ROBY**

yard day in a victory over Tampa Bay that pushed him over 3,000 yards and set an NFL record with eight such seasons. The previous week may have been more significant when Miami squeaked by Chicago in overtime, 16-13. It was the only game all year in which the Dolphins beat a winning team. They need Marino at his best to advance beyond .500.

There is some worry about his chief collaborators, Mark Clayton and Mark Duper. Clayton had his best season since 1988, catching 70 passes for 1,053 yards and 11 touchdowns. Duper was even more remarkable, enjoying his best season by far since 1986. Duper had 70 catches for 1,085 yards. Each averaged more than 15 yards a catch. Which leads to a natural question: How long can they keep it up? Duper is 33, Clayton 31. There isn't much behind them. The defensive emphasis in the draft postponed the acquisition of a big-time receiver. Shula took a late-round shot at Baylor's tiny Lee Miles, who transmits blinding speed. Tight end Ferrell Edmunds, who caught just 11 passes after a long holdout, must contribute more.

The Dolphins finally gave up on tailback Sammie Smith, who was supposed to rescue their running game. They traded him to Denver in late May for the Broncos' unhappy Bobby Humphrey, a 1,000-yard rusher in 1989 and 1990. The Dolphins got a 905-yard season from Mark Higgs, a Plan B free agent, but just 450 yards from other sources. There is a potential for more over the left side alone,



**SCOTT MILLER**

where Pro Bowl tackle Richmond Webb and guard Keith Sims are stationed. Fullback Tony Paige's blocking also figures.

Much of the Dolphins' scoring comes from Pete Stoyanovich, who produced 121 points, kicking 31 of 37 field goals, three of them over 50 yards.

The draft also brings Maryland defensive end Larry Webster, who could push starters T.J. Turner and Jeff Cross. Cross had a disappointing season despite his seven sacks. Blake will be aimed at Alfred Oglesby's nose-tackle job. If Miami is to make defensive progress, good health is essential for both the inside linebackers, John Offerdahl and Cliff Odom. The cheeriest development last year was the surprise contributions of rookie outside linebacker Bryan Cox. The other outside man, David Griggs, had 4½ sacks. The draft brings two other linebackers, run-plugger

Dwight Hollier of North Carolina and Roosevelt Collins, who was a pass-rushing down lineman at Texas Christian.

Incumbent corners J.B. Brown and Vestee Jackson will fight it out for whichever spot Vincent doesn't take. Louis Oliver is still a good strong safety, with Bobby Harden and Jarvis Williams taking care of free safety.

**DOLPHINS VETERAN ROSTER**

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
	Alexander, Bruce	CB	5-9	169	27	Stephen F. Austin
86	Banks, Fred	WR	5-10	185	30	Liberty
84	Baty, Greg	TE	6-5	240	28	Stanford
53	Bolcar, Ned	LB	6-1	235	25	Notre Dame
37	Brown, J. B.	CB	6-0	192	25	Maryland
83	Clayton, Mark	WR	5-9	185	31	Louisville
50	Cooper, Louis	LB	6-2	238	29	Western Carolina
51	Cox, Bryan	LB	6-3	235	24	Western Illinois
34	Craver, Aaron	RB	5-11	215	23	Fresno State
91	Cross, Jeff	DE	6-4	272	26	Missouri
65	Dellenbach, Jeff	OL	6-6	285	29	Wisconsin
74	Dennis, Mark	T	6-6	295	27	Illinois
	Downing, Tim	DE	6-5	280	25	Washington St.
85	Duper, Mark	WR	5-9	192	33	Northwestern La.
80	Edmunds, Ferrell	TE	6-6	254	27	Maryland
62	Galbreath, Harry	G	6-1	275	27	Tennessee
79	Gardner, Donnie	DE	6-3	260	24	Kentucky
35	Glenn, Kerry	CB	5-9	178	30	Minnesota
42	Green, Chris	CB	5-11	188	24	Illinois
55	Green, Hugh	LB	6-2	230	33	Pittsburgh
92	Griggs, David	LB	6-3	248	25	Virginia
59	Grimley, John	LB	6-2	238	30	Kentucky
45	Harden, Bobby	S	6-0	192	25	Miami
21	Higgs, Mark	RB	5-7	195	26	Kentucky
29	Hobley, Liffort	S	6-0	202	30	LSU
	Humphrey, Bobby	RB	6-1	201	26	Alabama
48	Iaquaniello, Mike	S	6-3	208	24	Michigan State
24	Jackson, Vestee	CB	6-0	186	29	Washington
11	Jensen, Jim	WR	6-4	224	34	Boston University
54	Junior, E. J.	LB	6-3	242	33	Alabama
99	Klingbeil, Chuck	NT	6-1	260	27	No. Michigan
44	Lankford, Paul	CB	6-1	191	31	Penn State
98	Lee, Shawn	NT	6-2	285	26	N. Alabama
32	Limbrick, Garrett	FB	6-2	240	27	Oklahoma St.
20	Logan, Marc	FB	5-11	222	27	Kentucky
13	Marino, Dan	QB	6-4	224	31	Pittsburgh
89	Martin, Tony	WR	6-0	180	27	Mesa
28	McGruder, Michael	CB	5-11	190	28	Kent State
82	Miller, Scott	WR	5-10	179	24	UCLA
19	Mitchell, Scott	QB	6-6	236	24	Utah
27	Moore, Stevon	S	5-11	204	25	Mississippi
	Nichols, Gerald	NT	6-2	267	28	Florida St.
93	Odom, Cliff	LB	6-2	243	34	Texas Arlington
56	Offerdahl, John	LB	6-3	238	28	W. Michigan
96	Oglesby, Alfred	NT	6-3	278	25	Houston
25	Oliver, Louis	S	6-2	226	26	Florida
49	Paige, Tony	FB	5-10	235	30	Virginia Tech
90	Price, Terry	DE	6-4	272	24	Texas A&M
52	Reichenbach, Mike	LB	6-2	240	31	East Stroudsburg
4	Roby, Reggie	P	6-2	246	31	Iowa
	Saxon, James	FB	5-11	234	26	San Jose St.
9	Secules, Scott	QB	6-3	220	28	Virginia
69	Sims, Keith	G	6-2	305	25	Iowa State
30	Smith, Don	RB	5-11	200	29	Mississippi St.
10	Stoyanovich, Pete	K	5-10	165	25	Indiana
67	Swoopes, Pat	NT	6-3	277	28	Mississippi St.
95	Turner, T. J.	DE	6-4	280	29	Houston
63	Uhlenhake, Jeff	C	6-3	284	26	Ohio State
78	Webb, Richmond	T	6-6	298	25	Texas A&M
60	Weidner, Bert	OL	6-3	284	26	Kent State
61	Williams, Gene	G	6-2	308	24	Iowa State
26	Williams, Jarvis	S	5-11	200	27	Florida
87	Williams, Mike	WR	5-10	177	26	Northeastern

**DRAFTTEES**

rd.	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Vincent, Troy	CB	6-0	191	Wisconsin
1	Coleman, Marco	LB	6-3	259	Georgia Tech
2	Blake, Eddie	NT	6-3	321	Auburn
3	Webster, Larry	DE	6-5	285	Maryland
4	Hollier, Dwight	LB	6-2	242	North Carolina
5	Perez, Chris	OT	6-5	285	Kansas
6	Collins, Roosevelt	LB	6-4	235	TCU
7	Moore, Dave	TE	6-2	247	Pittsburgh
8	Powell, Andre	LB	6-1	228	Penn State
9	Tellington, Tony	CB	5-9	175	Youngstown St.
10	Spears, Raoul	FB	6-0	240	Southern Cal
11	Miles, Lee	WR	5-6	154	Baylor
11	Barsotti, Mark	QB	6-1	201	Fresno St.
12	Biggins, Milton	TE	6-2	265	W. Kentucky
12	Bell, Kamano	RB	5-11	218	Illinois



## NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

The joy of football. That was a contradiction in terms for the Patriots until Dick MacPherson, a 61-year-old good humor man, showed up. The public view of MacPherson is that he is a gray-haired wild man, wrestling his quarterback, assistant coaches, and anyone in the vicinity to the ground in celebration after something good happened to the Pats.

A number of good things happened to the Pats when Mac took over. He is a lot more than a senior cheerleader. He hired a quality coaching staff, let his assistants do their jobs, and went about the business of restoring the team's self-respect during a time when the ownership was bouncing from one rock to the next. When Irving Fryar announced after the last game that "I wish we were starting again tomorrow," you know this team has a future.

The Pats improved from 1-15 to 6-10, and they could be better this season. To begin with, their talent was a lot better than 1-15, especially defensively. MacPherson hired his old friend Joe Collier to coach the defense. Collier, who spent a year in idle disgrace after being bounced by Denver coach Dan Reeves, redeemed himself. In 10 games, the Patriots allowed 20 or fewer points.

To coach the offense, MacPherson hired another solid old pro, Dick Coury, from the Los Angeles Rams. Since the Pats were in desperate need of a quarterback, Coury recommended signing Hugh Millen, a backup with the Rams, as a Plan B free agent. "All he needs is to play," argued Coury. Millen broke into the starting lineup in the fourth game of the season and played well enough to keep the Pats competitive. Millen did not have startling numbers. He passed for 3,073 yards and completed 60 percent of his passes, but he had twice as many interceptions as touch-

### PATRIOTS 1991 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Staurovsky, 49 points on 10 extra points and 13 field goals... 17th  
 RUSHING—Russell, 959 yards on 266 carries, 3.6 avg., 4 TDs... 4th  
 PASSING—Millen, 246 of 409 attempts for 3,073 yards and 9 TDs... 12th  
 RECEIVING—Cook, 82 receptions for 808 yards, 9.9 avg., 3 TDs... 3rd  
 INTERCEPTIONS—Hurst, 3 for 21 yards, 7.0 average... 75th  
 PUNTING—McCarthy, 66 punts, 40.2 avg., longest 93 yards... 12th  
 PUNT RETURNS—Henderson, 27 for 201 yards, 7.4 average... 6th  
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Vaughn, 34 for 717 yards, 21.1 avg., 1 TD... 5th  
 SACKS—Tippett, 8.5 sacks... 7th

### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

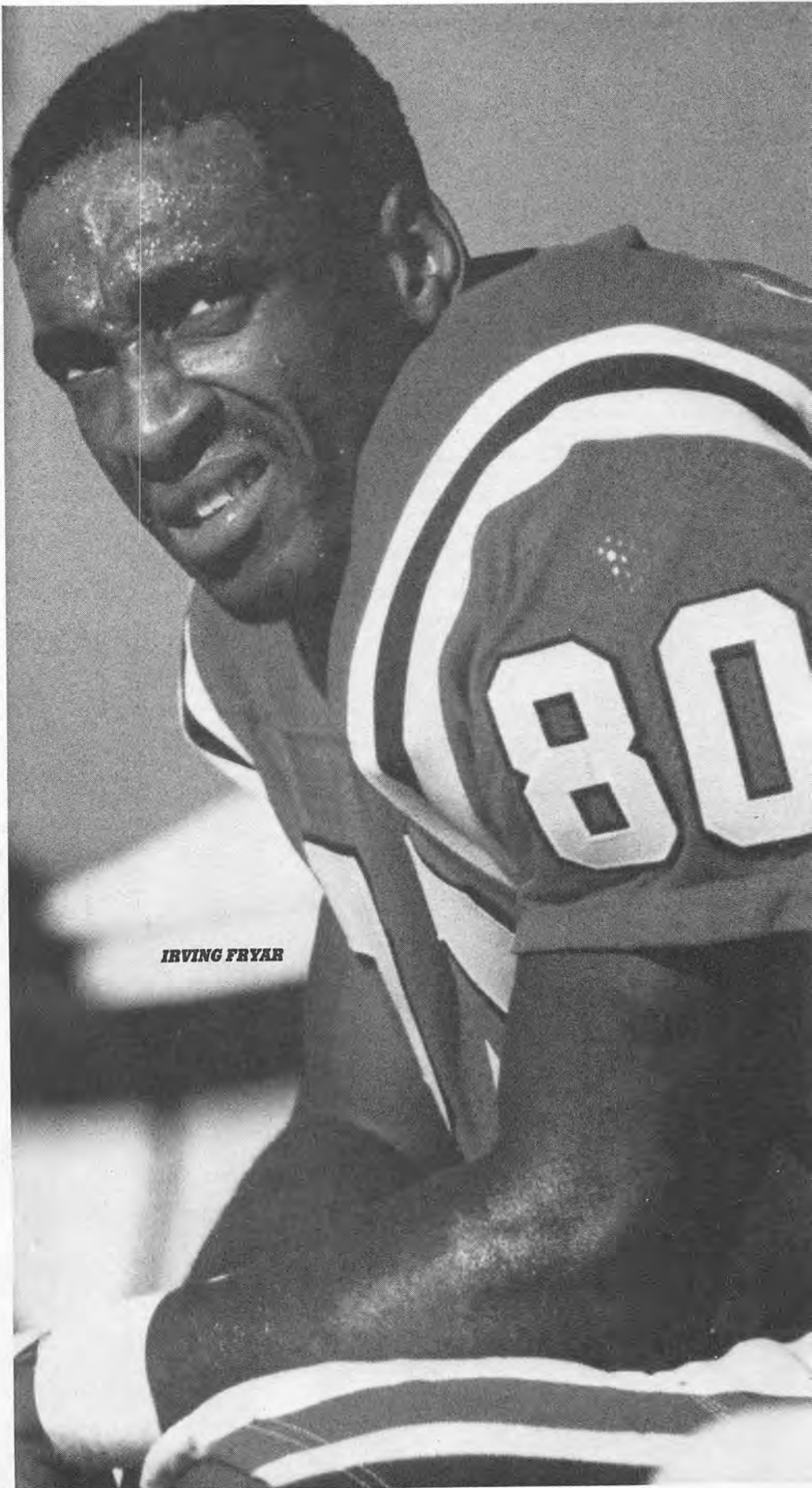
August 8 At Indianapolis (N)  
 14 SAN DIEGO (N)  
 22 At Detroit (N)  
 29 Green Bay at Milwaukee, WI (N)

### 1992 SCHEDULE

September 6 At Miami ..... 20-30  
 13 At Los Angeles Rams .....  
 20 SEATTLE .....  
 27 BUFFALO ..... 16-13  
 October 4 At New York Jets (N) ..... 6-3  
 11 SAN FRANCISCO .....  
 18 OPEN DATE .....  
 25 CLEVELAND ..... 0-20  
 November 1 At Buffalo ..... 17-22  
 8 NEW ORLEANS .....  
 15 At Indianapolis ..... 16-7  
 22 NEW YORK JETS ..... 21-28  
 29 At Atlanta .....  
 December 6 INDIANAPOLIS ..... 23-17  
 13 At Kansas City .....  
 20 At Cincinnati ..... 7-29  
 27 MIAMI ..... 10-20

### 1991 SCORES

IRVING FRYAR





down passes (18/9). Yet he's only 28, sturdy, and smart. Most important, he gave the Pats respectability. The expectation is that he'll improve markedly. He could be an updated version of Steve DeBerg.

No one in the Patriot hierarchy is going to let his giddiness get out of hand. The Patriots are a couple of drafts away from being a contender. They are operating with just two-fifths of an NFL offensive line and no more than half of a respected secondary. They also seem to need a receiver to pair with Fryar and some zip to their return game.

If the Pats continue to draft as wisely as they did a year ago, more than respectability should be relatively near. They possessed the No. 1 pick in the draft after the 1990 season. After assessing the field of prospects, they decided it wasn't all that great an honor. The pick was traded to Dallas for two first-rounders which were converted into running back Leonard Russell and offensive tackle Pat Harlow. Russell became the most productive offensive rookie in the NFL, with 959 yards. Harlow became an instant starter, teaming with veteran Bruce Armstrong to give New England one of the most formidable tackle tandems in the league.

Fryar, charmed by Mac, enjoyed his first 1,000-yard season since turning pro eight years ago. He caught a personal-best 68

passes for 1,014 yards, a 14.9-yard average, and three touchdowns. Maybe Mac can convince Hart Lee Dykes to emulate his buddy Fryar. Dykes, hurt again last year, has been a disappointment since the Pats made him a No. 1 pick. Greg McMurtry contributed 42 catches and a 15-yard average. Millen's security blanket is Pro Bowl tight end Marv Cook, who caught 82 balls at 10 yards a catch. Michael Timpson has some possibilities as a deep receiver. None of the backs were that involved in the passing game.

There will be more change. Four starters, including both guards, are gone via Plan B. Top draftee Eugene Chung of Virginia Tech is expected to step into a starting job at guard. If Harlow doesn't recover from offseason surgery in time, Chung may begin by serving as a temporary stand-in at tackle. The other guard could be Calvin Stephens, who missed last season due to injury.

The Patriots used five of their first seven draft picks in '92 for defensive backs and linebackers. Rodney Smith of Notre Dame and Dion Lambert of UCLA have a shot at starting in an aging secondary. Randy Robbins, another Plan B signee, who played for Collier in Denver, will be the strong safety. Tim Gordon, who won his job at midseason, is the incumbent free safety. Veterans Maurice Hurst, the best cover man, and Ronnie Lippett are experienced corners.

If the Pats are to improve their front seven, end Ray Agnew and linebacker Chris Singleton will have to stay healthy and increase their productivity. The best man up front is inside linebacker Vincent Brown, the team leader with 116 tackles, including 96 solos. Outside linebacker Andre Tippett, 32, returned from

two injury-plagued years to lead in sacks, with 8½. The most promising rookie linebacker is Todd Collins of Carson-Newman. Two line starters, end Brent Williams and Tim Goad, are coming off sub-par years. End Garin Veris is still an effective pass rusher.

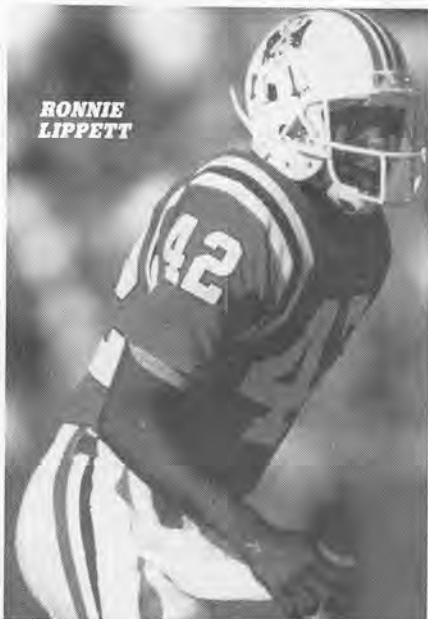
The kicking game benefits from change. Charlie Baumann took over at midseason and succeeded on seven of nine field goals, including four from beyond 40 yards. Shawn McCarthy, aided by a team-record 93-yarder, averaged 40.2 yards a punt. The kickoff coverage was second in the league and Jon Vaughn's kickoff returns are dangerous.

### PATRIOTS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
92	Agnew, Ray	DE	6-3	272	25	N.C. St.
39	Allen, Marvin	RB	5-10	208	27	Tulane
78	Armstrong, Bruce	T	6-4	284	27	Louisville
	Austin, Randy	TE	6-2	245	25	UCLA
8	Baumann, Charlie	K	6-1	203	25	West Virginia
	Bowles, Scott	OL	6-5	280	25	North Texas State
59	Brown, Vincent	LB	6-2	245	27	Miss. Valley
	Chilton, Gene	C	6-3	286	28	Texas
93	Clark, Reggie	LB	6-2	226	25	North Carolina
87	Coates, Ben	TE	6-4	245	23	Livingstone
	Cook, Marv	TE	6-4	234	26	Iowa
88	Dykes, Hart Lee	WR	6-4	218	26	Oklahoma State
80	Fryar, Irving	WR	6-0	200	30	Nebraska
91	Gannon, Chris	DE	6-6	260	26	SW Louisiana
72	Goad, Tim	NT	6-3	280	26	North Carolina
41	Gordon, Tim	FS	6-0	188	27	Tulsa
77	Harlow, Pat	T	6-6	290	23	Southern Cal
36	Henderson, Jerome	CB	5-10	189	23	Clemson
60	Hobby, Marion	DE	6-4	277	26	Tennessee
13	Hodson, Tom	QB	6-3	195	25	LSU
99	Howard, David	LB	6-1	230	31	Long Beach St.
45	Hunter, Ivy Joe	RB	6-1	248	26	Kentucky
37	Hurst, Maurice	CB	5-10	185	25	Southern
50	Jarostchuk, Iliia	LB	6-3	245	28	New Hampshire
	Johnson, Alex	WR	5-9	167	24	Miami
26	Key, David	S	5-10	198	24	Michigan
42	Lippett, Ronnie	CB	5-11	180	32	Miami
51	Lockhart, Eugene	LB	6-2	233	31	Houston
31	Marion, Fred	FS	6-2	191	23	Miami
11	McCarthy, Shawn	P	6-6	227	24	Purdue
58	McGovern, Rob	LB	6-2	234	26	Holy Cross
86	McMurtry, Greg	WR	6-2	207	25	Michigan
7	Millen, Hugh	QB	6-5	216	28	Washington
10	Murphy, Mike	WR	5-9	163	25	SW Texas
27	Pool, David	CB	5-9	182	26	Carson-Newman
71	Rakoczy, Gregg	OL	6-5	280	27	Miami
70	Redding, Reggie	G	6-4	305	24	Cal-Fullerton
52	Rembert, Johnny	LB	6-3	234	31	Clemson
48	Robbins, Randy	S	6-2	189	30	Arizona
32	Russell, Leonard	RB	6-2	235	23	Arizona State
55	Singleton, Chris	LB	6-2	247	25	Arizona
76	Smerlas, Fred	NT	6-4	291	25	Boston College
68	Stephens, Calvin	G	6-2	285	25	South Carolina
44	Stephens, John	RB	6-1	215	26	NW Louisiana
53	Tardits, Richard	LB	6-2	235	27	Georgia
83	Timpson, Michael	WR	5-10	175	25	Penn State
56	Tippett, Andre	LB	6-3	241	33	Iowa
24	Vaughn, Jon	RB	5-9	203	22	Michigan
90	Veris, Garin	DE	6-4	255	29	Stanford
21	Washington, Mickey	CB	5-9	187	24	Texas A&M
96	Williams, Brent	DE	6-4	275	28	Toledo
	Williams, Larry	OL	6-5	294	29	Notre Dame
16	Zolak, Scott	QB	6-5	222	25	Maryland

### DRAFTTEES

rd.	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Chung, Eugene	OL	6-4	295	Virginia Tech
2	Smith, Rodney	DB	6-11	187	Notre Dame
3	Collins, Todd	LB	6-2	242	Carson-Newman
3	Turner, Kevin	RB	6-0	224	Alabama
4	Lambert, Dion	CB	6-0	185	UCLA
4	Anderson, Darren	CB	5-10	173	Toledo
5	Sabb, Dwayne	LB	6-4	248	New Hampshire
6	Boyd, Tracy	OG	6-4	296	Elizabeth City St.
7	Hawkins, Wayne	WR	5-10	176	SW Minnesota
7	Gray, Jim	DT	6-2	285	West Virginia
8	Lockwood, Scott	RB	5-10	196	Southern Cal
8	Gash, Sam	RB	5-11	224	Penn State
9	Dixon, David	DT	6-4	335	Arizona State
10	Baur, Turner	TE	6-4	247	Stanford
10	Gordon, Steve	C	6-3	279	California
11	Petko, Mike	LB	6-2	232	Nebraska
12	Baysinger, Freeman	WR	5-8	164	Humboldt St.



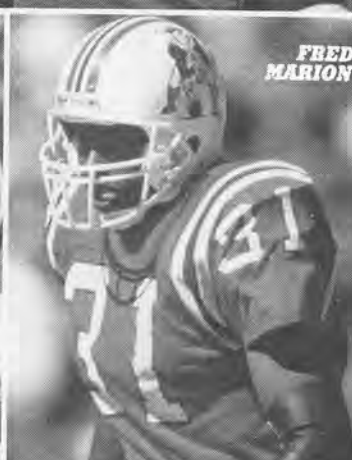
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## INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Ted Marchibroda can't say he didn't know what he was getting into. Like Grover Cleveland, Marchibroda is serving his second term, non-consecutive, as head coach of the Colts, with owner Robert Irsay still the man to whom he must answer. This is Irsay's 20th anniversary as the Colts owner. Maybe Marchibroda senses a mellowing.

Marchibroda brought forth a football miracle when he took over the Colts, then in Baltimore, in 1975. He inherited a last-place team and led it to the championship of the AFC East for three straight seasons. Those were the days of quarterback Bert Jones and an awesome offense. During those three championship seasons, the Colts scored 30 or more points in 18 of 42 games.

Now Marchibroda has a Bert Jones wannabe, Jeff George, at quarterback, but the offense is measured by a micrometer. In 11 games last year, the Colts failed to score in double figures. They were shut out or held to three points five times. So Indy, which became the first NFL team ever to hold the first two picks in the college draft, used them to select defensive players, then took another defender with the first pick in the second round. It isn't difficult to figure why. The Colts were equally horrible on defense, allowing 381 points. And this draft was noted for its defensive quality.

There was no question that the premium pick would be used on University of Washington tackle Steve Emtman, who most NFL talent appraisers feel will be a dominant pro. "When I watch films of Steve," said Marchibroda, invoking the name of a Hall of Fame immortal, "I think of a young Merlin Olsen." The second selection, Texas A&M's Quentin Coryatt, was widely conceded to be the best linebacker available, a player strong enough to jam the

### COLTS 1991 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Biasucci, 59 points on 14 extra points and 15 field goals . . . 15th  
RUSHING—Dickerson, 536 yards on 167 carries, 3.2 avg., 2 TDs . . . 20th  
PASSING—George, 292 of 485 attempts for 2,910 yards and 10 TDs . . . 10th  
RECEIVING—Brooks, 72 receptions for 888 yards, 12.3 avg., 4 TDs . . . 6th  
INTERCEPTIONS—Baylor, 4 for 50 yards, 12.5 average . . . T4th  
PUNTING—Stark, 82 punts, 42.6 average, longest 65 yards . . . 6th  
PUNT RETURNS—Verdin, 25 for 165 yards, 6.6 average . . . 10th  
KICKOFF RETURNS—Verdin, 36 for 689 yards, 19.1 avg., 1 TD . . . 12th  
SACKS—Bickett, 5.0 sacks . . . T13th

### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 8 NEW ENGLAND (N)  
15 SEATTLE (N)  
22 At Cincinnati (N)  
28 At Kansas City (N)

### 1992 SCHEDULE

		1991 SCORES
September	6 CLEVELAND	0-31
	13 HOUSTON	17-10
	20 At Buffalo (N)	6-42
	27 OPEN DATE	
October	4 At Tampa Bay	3-17
	11 NEW YORK JETS	6-17
	18 SAN DIEGO	17-10
	25 At Miami	6-17
November	1 At San Diego	17-10
	8 MIAMI	6-10
	15 NEW ENGLAND	7-16
	22 At Pittsburgh	3-21
	29 BUFFALO	7-35
December	6 At New England	17-23
	13 At New York Jets	28-27
	20 PHOENIX	17-10
	27 At Cincinnati	17-10



run yet athletic enough to stay in coverage. Nevertheless, there was second-guessing, since the Southwest Conference Player of the Year is crude and requires polishing. Some scouts thought the Colts should have taken Pittsburgh pass rusher Sean Gilbert, who went to the Rams with the third selection. Still, Coryatt is virtually sure to start, especially since the Colts finished last in the NFL against the run and he can play a role in quick improvement. Indy used the second-round pick for another instant starter, cornerback Ashley Ambrose, a skilled cover man from Mississippi Valley State.

Where does that leave George and the offense? Hoping, mostly. Indy finally unloaded Eric Dickerson, who had become a talented pain in their locker room, but they received a mere fourth-round draft choice in return. That was used to take Tony McCoy, a long-shot defensive tackle from Florida.

In Buffalo, Marchibroda, Marv Levy's offensive coordinator, was considered the father of the Bills' explosive no-huddle attack. With Indianapolis he may end up with the no-quarterback offense. George was sacked 56 times last year, and Marchibroda is going to have to do something about that or risk losing his young passing star spiritually as well as physically. Despite the battering, George passed for 2,910 yards and 10 touchdowns.

George is in the hands of Indy's healers. Last year, the Colts had so many injuries on their offensive that they used 10 different combinations with 15 different starters. If everything goes well, center Ray Donaldson, tackles Irv Pankey and Zefross Moss, and guards Pat Tomberlin, Randy Dixon, and William

Schultz can regain their health to join holdover tackle Kevin Call and Ron Solt, the veteran guard reacquired via Plan B, to give George some viable protection.

The running game doesn't figure to offer much help. Ordinarily, Albert Bentley would become the featured back with Dickerson gone, but he underwent reconstructive knee surgery. Fullback Anthony Johnson missed the second half of the season due to an eye injury. The draft brings Notre Dame's Rodney Culver, a lunch-bucket runner, but he's basically a specialty ball carrier.

Since defenders converge on him with fangs bared, George doesn't have much time to wait for deep pass patterns to develop. Bill Brooks's 72 catches averaged just 12.3 yards and Jessie Hester's 60 yielded 12.6. Besides, the Colts haven't had a legitimate deep threat since Andre Rison was traded to Atlanta in the deal that produced George. Marchibroda hopes Reggie Langhorne, a Plan B acquisition from Cleveland, can help. It's likely that



REGGIE LANGHORNE

Brooks, the Colts' most prolific receiver since Hall of Famer Raymond Berry, and Hester, who has at least two catches in each of the last 25 games, will carry the load again.

If Emtman, Coryatt, and Ambrose all come through as contributing starters, there is a chance that George will get the ball in favorable field position more often. The Colts have the bones of a defense that could turn respectable. Emtman is expected to take the left end vacated by Donnell Thompson's retirement. Jon Hand, the right end, had five sacks. Tony Siragusa is a tough nose tackle. The line-

backing would be the strength with Coryatt joining Jeff Herrod inside and Duane Bickett, still among the NFL's elite, and Chip Banks on the outside. Herrod led the busy defenders with 160 tackles and Bickett had 125. Scott Radecic, also a special-teams commando, can fill in at any linebacker spot. If Ambrose is stationed at left corner, Chris Goode, who led the secondary in tackles, could move to free safety. Eugene Daniel started every game at right corner. Strong safety is wide open.

A sign of the troubled offensive times was that place-kicker Dean Biasucci attempted 16 field goals of at least 40 yards. He made six. He was 9 of 10 from in close. Punter Rohn Stark averaged 42.6 yards. One of the rookies may nudge Clarence Verdin, slipping as a return man and receiver.

## COLTS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
90	Agee, Mel	DE	6-5	290	24	Illinois
31	Ball, Michael	DB	6-0	220	28	Southern U.
51	Banks, Chip	LB	6-4	254	33	Southern Cal
36	Baylor, John	DB	6-0	203	27	Southern Miss
20	Bentley, Albert	RB	5-11	217	32	Miami
4	Biasucci, Dean	K	6-0	190	30	Western Carolina
50	Bickett, Duane	LB	6-5	251	30	Southern Cal
80	Brooks, Bill	WR	6-0	189	28	Boston U.
87	Bruton, Tim	TE	6-3	252	25	Missouri
71	Call, Kevin	OT	6-7	308	31	Colorado State
88	Cash, Kerry	TE	6-4	247	23	Texas
76	Clancy, Sam	DE	6-7	300	34	Pittsburgh
32	Clark, Ken	RB	5-9	204	26	Nebraska
38	Daniel, Eugene	DB	5-11	188	31	LSU
95	Davis, Travis	NT	6-2	283	26	Michigan State
69	Dixon, Randy	OG	6-3	302	27	Pittsburgh
53	Donaldson, Ray	C	6-3	300	34	Georgia
64	Garalocky, Mark	DL	6-6	281	28	Western Michigan
11	George, Jeff	QB	6-4	221	25	Illinois
37	Goode, Chris	DB	6-0	196	29	Alabama
26	Grant, Alan	DB	5-10	187	26	Stanford
78	Hand, Jon	DE	6-7	301	29	Alabama
9	Herrmann, Mark	QB	6-4	220	33	Purdue
54	Herrod, Jeff	LB	6-0	246	26	Mississippi
84	Hester, Jessie	WR	5-11	172	29	Florida State
25	Holloway, Cornell	DB	5-11	182	26	Pittsburgh
1	Huffman, Darvell	WR	5-8	158	25	Boston U.
23	Johnson, Anthony	FB	6-0	222	25	Notre Dame
85	Langhorne, Reggie	WR	6-2	205	29	Elizabeth City
44	Manoa, Tim	RB	6-1	245	28	Penn State
86	Martin, Sammy	WR	5-11	175	27	LSU
63	Matich, Trevor	OL	6-4	297	31	BYU
42	McCloughian, Dave	DB	6-1	180	26	Colorado
96	McDonald, Quintus	LB	6-3	263	26	Penn State
73	Moss, Zefross	OT	6-6	338	26	Alabama State
49	Mrdsko, Bob	TE	6-5	260	27	Penn State
75	Pankey, Irv	OT	6-5	295	34	Penn State
39	Prior, Mike	DB	6-0	210	29	Illinois State
97	Radecic, Scott	LB	6-3	236	30	Penn State
74	Schultz, William	OT	6-5	305	25	Southern Cal
65	Shoulders, Darin	OT	6-3	288	24	Tulane
98	Siragusa, Tony	NT	6-3	303	25	Pittsburgh
66	Solt, Ron	OG	6-3	280	30	Maryland
3	Stark, Rohn	P	6-3	203	33	Florida State
68	Tomberlin, Pat	OT	6-2	310	26	Florida State
10	Trudeau, Jack	QB	6-3	219	30	Illinois
77	Tupa, Tom	QB	6-4	225	26	Ohio State
72	Vander Poel, Mark	OT	6-7	303	24	Colorado
58	Vanderbeek, Matt	LB	6-3	258	25	Michigan State
83	Verdin, Clarence	WR	5-8	162	29	SW La.
92	Walker, Tony	LB	6-3	235	24	SE Mo. St.
93	Zander, Carl	LB	6-2	235	29	Tennessee

## DRAFTIES

rd.	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Emtman, Steve	DE	6-4	290	Washington
1	Coryatt, Quentin	LB	6-3	237	Texas A&M
2	Ambrose, Ashley	DB	5-10	177	Miss. Valley St.
4	Culver, Rodney	RB	5-9	221	Notre Dame
4	McCoy, Anthony	NT	6-0	279	Florida
5	Toy, Maury	RB	6-0	231	UCLA
6	Habersham, Shoun	WR	5-10	180	UT-Chattanooga
7	Steele, Derek	DE	6-3	265	Maryland
8	Belser, Jason	DB	5-9	187	Oklahoma
9	Humphrey, Ronald	RB	5-10	201	Miss. Valley St.
9	Miller, Eddie	WR	6-1	181	South Carolina
10	Grant, Steven	LB	6-0	227	West Virginia
12	Brandon, Michael	DE	6-4	290	Florida

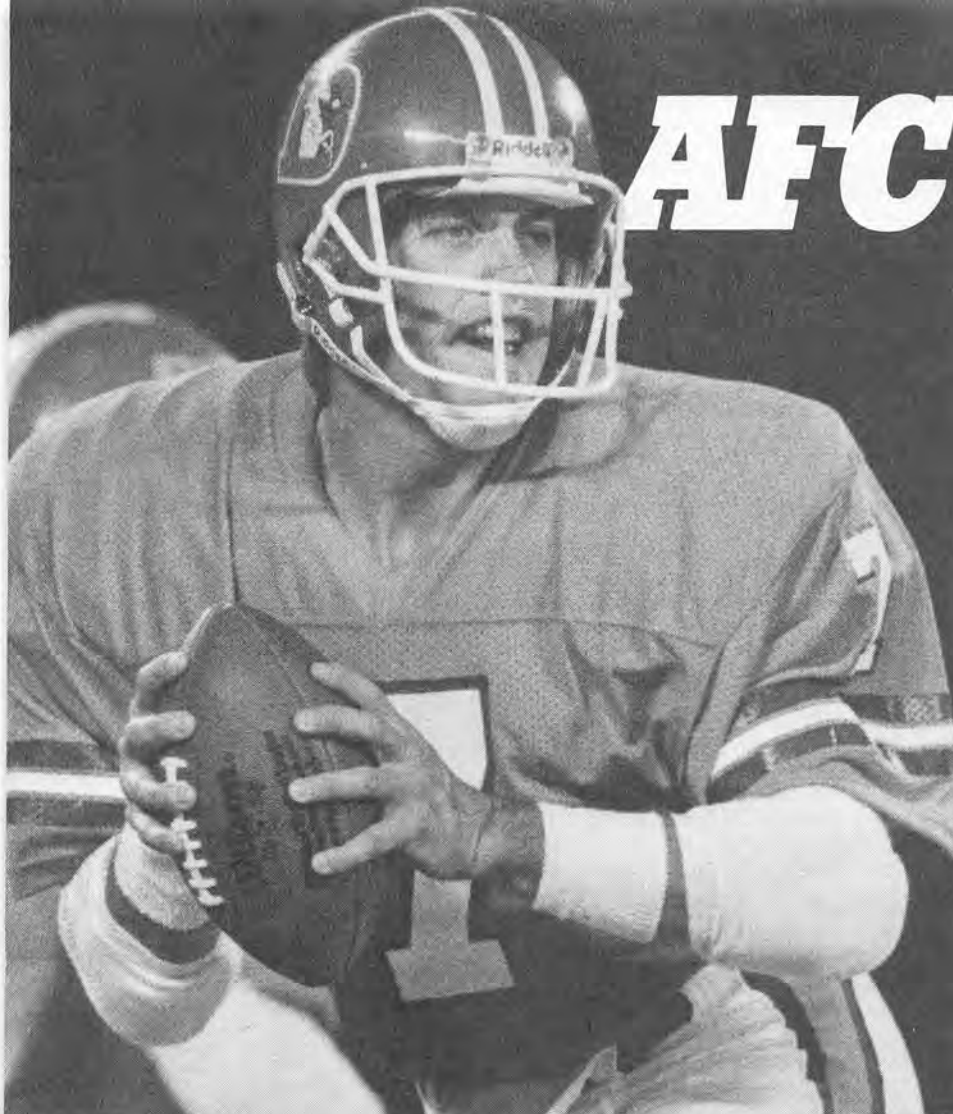


DUANE BICKETT



STEVE EMTMAN





JOHN ELWAY

# AFC West

## DENVER BRONCOS

Ask football fans for their own mental picture of the Denver Broncos, and odds are that it have something to do with the indomitable John Elway. The most recent Elway heroics came in the playoffs against Houston last year. Confronted by fourth-down plays and defeat leering in his face, he found a way.

That image of the Broncos is only partially accurate. Denver is a defensive team now. That is what landed them just a whisker away from their fifth Super Bowl appearance last January. It is what makes them one of the three most serious Super Bowl aspirants in the AFC this year. Consider the defensive categories in which the Broncos finished No. 1 in the conference a year ago: points allowed (235), touchdowns (20), touchdown passes (12), sacks (52), interceptions (23), first downs (242), rushing first downs (81), passing first downs (147), passing yards (2,755), third-down conversion percentage (31.1), opposing passers rating (60.6). The consistency was even more impressive. Denver allowed 17 points or fewer 12 times, 10 points or fewer five times. Opponents were held to one touchdown or less in 10 games.

There are skeptics who say Denver's remarkable turnaround, 5-11 in 1990 to 12-4 in 1991, was due to the last-place schedule it played. There might have been some point in that at first, but the true value of the schedule might have been the buying of some development time. The Broncos, beaten by Houston 42-14 in early October, knocked the Oilers out of the playoffs in January. In the AFC's toughest division (overall won-lost record of 42-38), Denver did win its fourth West title in six years. Three AFC West teams made the playoffs. This season the Broncos will be tested heavily, even at home, where they were two points from a perfect season in '91. Five of eight home games are against playoff teams, while the Super Bowl contestants, Washington and Buffalo, will be met on the road.

Elway, of course, is the big guy offensively. He passed for 3,253 yards, but with him it is more his resourcefulness than his numbers. He ran for 258 yards and six touchdowns. It was the seventh straight season in which he passed for more than 3,000 yards and ran for more than 200. No NFL quarterback ever had more than three such consecutive seasons. And here is the most significant number of all for Elway: 77 victories in the last eight regular seasons, the most in the league.

The Denver running game is a puzzle, but not a nagging one. All sorts of dire predictions were made when Bobby Humphrey, a 1,000-yard rusher in the two previous seasons, held out beyond opening day. Gaston Green, acquired from the Los Angeles Rams after a couple of disappointing years, ran for 1,037 yards and made the Pro Bowl. He had five 100-yard games, specializing in the big play with six runs of 40 yards or more. Greg Lewis rushed for 376 yards as a rookie. Humphrey was traded to Miami for Sammie Smith.

### BRONCOS 1991 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Treadwell, 112 points on 31 extra points and 27 field goals ... 3rd  
RUSHING—Green, 1,037 yards on 261 carries, 4.0 avg., 4 TDs ... 2nd  
PASSING—Elway, 242 of 451 attempts for 3,253 yards and 13 TDs ... 9th  
RECEIVING—Young, 44 receptions for 629 yards, 14.3 avg., 2 TDs ... T2nd  
INTERCEPTIONS—Atwater, 5 for 104 yards, 20.8 average ... T3rd  
PUNTING—Horan, 72 punts, 41.8 avg., longest 71 yards ... 8th  
PUNT RETURNS—Johnson, 24 for 174 yards, 7.3 average ... 7th  
KICKOFF RETURNS—Montgomery, 26 for 488 yards, 18.8 average ... 14th  
SACKS—Fletcher, 13.5 sacks ... T2nd

### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

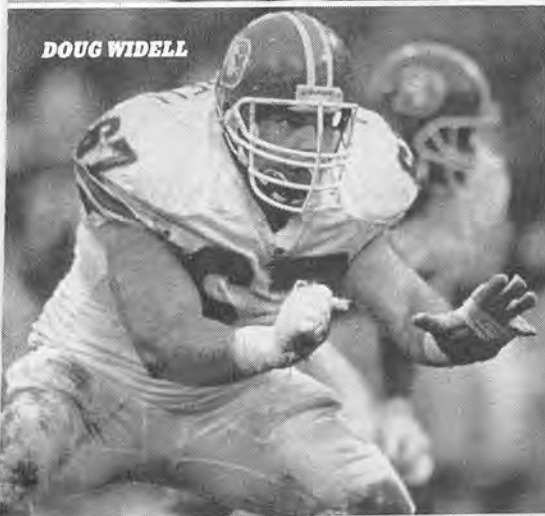
August 3 At San Francisco (N)  
8 TAMPA BAY  
15 Miami at Berlin, Germany  
22 At Dallas (N)  
28 PHOENIX (N)

### 1992 SCHEDULE

September 6 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS (N) ..... 16-17  
13 SAN DIEGO ..... 27-19  
20 At Philadelphia .....  
27 At Cleveland ..... 17-7  
October 4 KANSAS CITY ..... 19-16  
12 At Washington (N) .....  
18 HOUSTON ..... 14-42  
25 At San Diego ..... 17-14  
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8 NEW YORK JETS .....  
15 NEW YORK GIANTS (N) .....  
22 At Los Angeles Raiders ..... 13-16  
30 At Seattle (N) ..... 10-13  
December 6 DALLAS .....  
12 At Buffalo ..... 16-10  
20 SEATTLE ..... 24-20  
27 At Kansas City .....

### 1991 SCORES

DOUG WIDELL





The receiving was a mixed bag and probably will continue to be. Michael Young, previously a spot guy, led the team with 44 catches for 629 yards. Mark Jackson caught 33 for 436. Vance Johnson, who coach Dan Reeves said "played as well as I've ever seen him play late in the season," added 21 for 208. Derek Russell caught 21 for 317 yards as a rookie and could play a larger role in '92. Reeves is trying to replace tight end Clarence Kay, and Reggie Johnson, a huge second-year player, may be his man. Shannon Sharpe, who caught 22 passes, is mostly an H-back.

The offensive line doesn't overwhelm anyone, but it satisfies Reeves. Center Keith Kartz, guards Sean Farrell and Doug Widell, and tackles Ken Lanier, Harvey Salem, and Jeff Davidson are experienced.

The Broncos' great safeties, Steve Atwater and Dennis Smith, both went to the Pro Bowl, along with inside linebacker Karl Mecklenburg, but individual performance isn't the thing with this unit. Wade Phillips, the coordinator, stresses team defense. Ten different

Broncos had at least one sack and six had at least one interception. Outside linebacker Simon Fletcher tied the team record with 13½ sacks, including a 10-game sack streak. Mecklenburg, a fast-finishing old pro, had six sacks in the last month. Outside linebacker Mike Croel, the AFC Defensive Rookie of the Year, had 10 sacks.

Atwater's 150 tackles and 83 solos were second only to inside linebacker Michael Brooks's 153 and 96. Atwater and Smith tied for the interception lead, with five. At 33, Smith is the oldest Bronco, but he played so well last season that he was named the unit's MVP. The Broncos got good mileage from the corners, Tyrone Braxton, Wymon Henderson, and Charles Dimry. Alton Montgomery can fill in at safety or corner.

Greg Kragen, the starting nose tackle for seven years, is the major defensive lineman. End Ron Holmes made a nice comeback after a down year. When he is interested and motivated, Holmes is a good two-way player. End Warren Powers, entering his fourth pro season, should be about to blossom as a heavy contributor. The only experienced line sub is Brian Sochia, who can be erratic, as the Dolphins learned. Kenny Walker showed, as a rookie, that he had some possibilities. Texas tough guy Shane Dronett was drafted in the second round, but the scouting reports said he needs a year of polishing and discipline.



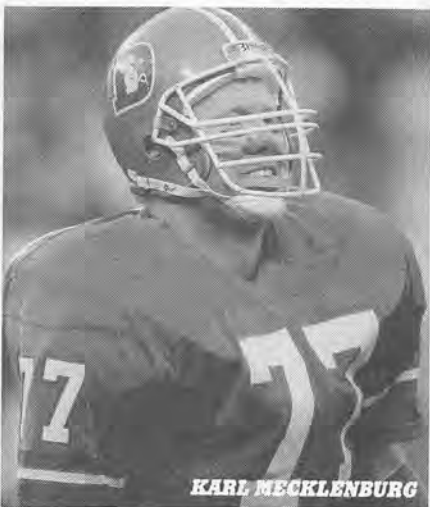
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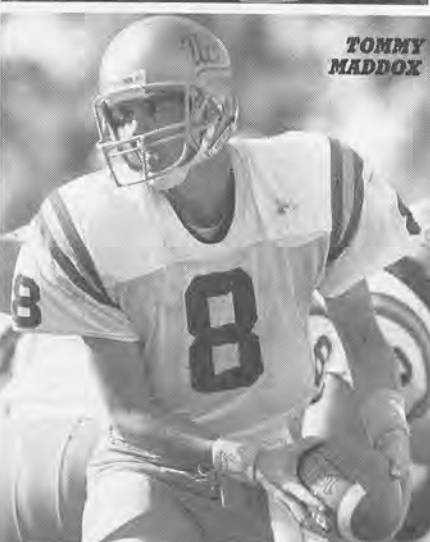
CLARENCE KAY



JEFF MILLS



KARL MECKLENBURG



TOMMY MADDOX

The kicking game is at least consistent. David Treadwell seldom is used on field-goal attempts of more than 50 yards, but he is deadly on the close ones. He had a 27-for-36 season. Mike Horan averaged 41.8 yards on his 71 punts. The return game is nothing special.

The college draft was a puzzle. It was as if Reeves forgot that his team came so close to another Super Bowl last January. The first pick was UCLA's Tommy Maddox, who played only two years of college football. Maddox, 20, is the youngest quarterback ever selected in the NFL draft. Three or four years down the line, he may be the ideal heir apparent to Elway, but he doesn't figure to be much help now. Dronett is a project, and the next pick, his Longhorn teammate Chuck Johnson, an offensive lineman, didn't even play football last year.

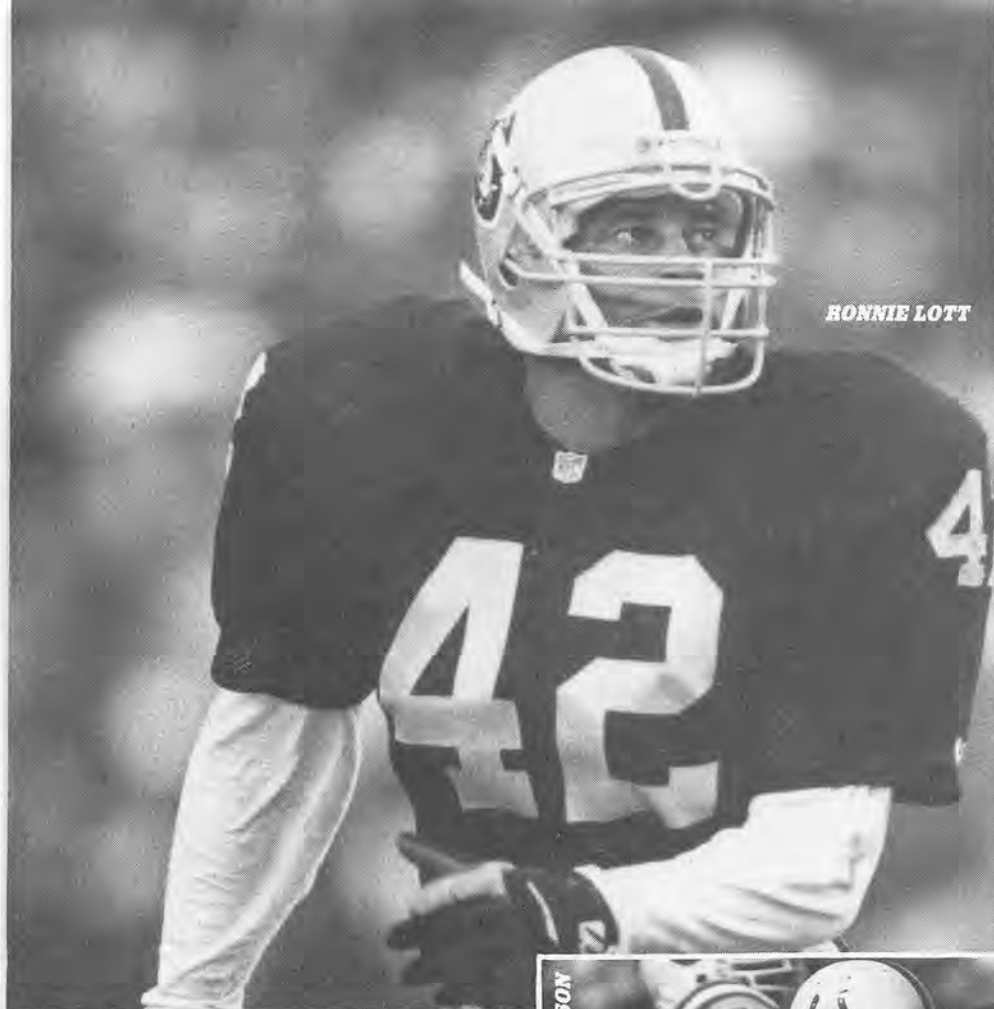
## BRONCOS VETERAN ROSTER

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27	Atwater, Steve	S	6-3	217	26	Arkansas
	Awalt, Robert	TE	6-5	238	28	San Diego St.
34	Braxton, Tyrone	CB	5-11	185	28	N. Dakota St.
56	Brooks, Michael	LB	6-1	235	28	LSU
	Crawford, Elbert	OL	6-3	280	26	Arkansas
51	Croel, Mike	LB	6-3	231	23	Nebraska
62	Davidson, Jeff	G	6-5	309	25	Ohio State
29	Dimry, Charles	CB	6-0	175	26	UNLV
7	Elway, John	QB	6-3	215	32	Stanford
63	Farrell, Sean	OG	6-3	260	32	Penn State
73	Fletcher, Simon	LB	6-5	240	30	Houston
28	Green, Gaston	RB	5-11	192	26	UCLA
93	Haliburton, Ronnie	LB	6-4	230	24	LSU
24	Henderson, Wymon	CB	5-9	186	31	UNLV
90	Holmes, Ron	DE	6-4	265	29	Washington
2	Horan, Mike	P	5-11	190	33	Long Beach St.
80	Jackson, Mark	WR	5-10	180	29	Purdue
86	Johnson, Barry	WR	6-2	197	24	Maryland
89	Johnson, Reggie	TE	6-2	256	24	Florida State
82	Johnson, Vance	WR	5-11	185	29	Arizona
66	Juriga, Jim	T	6-6	275	28	Illinois
72	Kartz, Keith	C	6-4	270	29	California
88	Kay, Clarence	TE	6-2	237	31	Georgia
68	Ker, Crawford	G	6-3	285	30	Florida
71	Kragen, Greg	NT	6-3	265	30	Utah State
21	Lang, Le-Lo	CB	5-11	185	25	Washington
76	Lanier, Ken	T	6-3	290	33	Florida State
41	Lewis, Greg	RB	5-10	214	23	Washington
59	Lucas, Tim	LB	6-3	230	31	California
77	Mecklenburg, Karl	LB	6-3	235	32	Minnesota
52	Mills, Jeff	LB	6-3	238	24	Nebraska
22	Montgomery, Alton	S	6-0	195	24	Houston
12	Moore, Shawn	QB	6-2	214	24	Virginia
57	Murray, Mark	LB	6-2	240	25	Florida
	Pelleur, Steve	QB	6-4	212	30	Washington
33	Perryman, Robert	RB	6-2	233	28	Michigan
	Pollack, Frank	T	6-5	285	25	N. Arizona
91	Powers, Warren	DE	6-6	287	27	Maryland
38	Rivers, Reggie	RB	6-1	215	24	SW Texas St.
85	Russell, Derek	WR	6-0	179	23	Arkansas
74	Salem, Harvey	T	6-6	289	31	California
30	Sewell, Steve	RB	6-3	210	29	Oklahoma
81	Sharpe, Shannon	TE	6-2	230	24	Savannah St.
49	Smith, Dennis	S	6-3	200	33	Southern Cal
	Smith, Sammie	RB	6-2	226	25	Florida St.
70	Sochia, Brian	DL	6-3	278	31	NW Oklahoma St.
60	Subis, Nick	OL	6-4	278	25	San Diego St.
54	Taylor, Keith	LB	6-2	260	23	Central Oklahoma
9	Treadwell, David	K	6-1	180	25	Clemson
96	Walker, Kenny	DL	6-3	260	25	Nebraska
79	Widell, Dave	T	6-6	292	27	Boston College
67	Widell, Doug	G	6-4	287	26	Boston College
83	Young, Michael	WR	6-1	183	30	UCLA

## DRAFTTEES

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1	Maddox, Tommy	QB	6-3	199	UCLA
2	Dronett, Shane	DE	6-5	273	Texas
4	Johnson, Chuck	OL	6-3	280	Texas
5	Robinson, Frank	CB	5-11	176	Boise State
7	Geater, Ron	DE	6-5	272	Iowa
7	Johnson, Jim	OT	6-4	301	Michigan State
7	Bostick, Jon	WR	6-0	191	Nebraska
8	Lockridge, Dietrich	OL	6-3	325	Jackson State
9	Oliver, Muhammad	CB	5-11	170	Oregon State
10	Meeks, Bob	OL	6-1	286	Auburn
11	Tillman, Cedric	WR	6-2	204	Alcorn State
12	Granby, John	DB	6-1	198	Virginia Tech





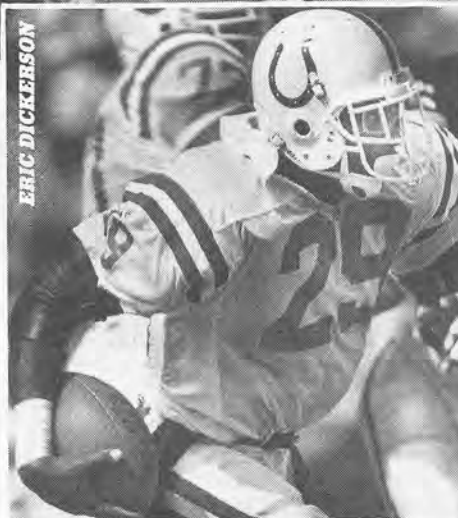
RONNIE LOFT

## LOS ANGELES RAIDERS

Irony of ironies, Al Davis finally was elected to the Hall of Fame, yet his Raiders drift from crisis to crisis, success in Los Angeles eluding them as immortality in Canton eluded Davis for so long. It's been years since Davis operated as efficiently as he did in those days when he was compiling his Hall of Fame brochure. Lately he's been reduced to playing a George Steinbrenner role, grasping unsuccessfully for the quick fix to bring the Raiders another championship.

First, there was the Bo Jackson compromise, in which the Raiders had to wait until after the baseball season to make use of Bo's generous skills. Last year, it was the signing of former 49er star Roger Craig. Jackson's football days ended when his mortality was revealed two years ago. Craig was not an elixir for the Silver and Black, and he went to Minnesota in Plan B last spring. The latest quick fix is once-great running back Eric Dickerson, who lost his zest for the game in Indianapolis. Dickerson played mind games with the Colts in 1990, then last year, when he tried to get his talent together, he forgot where he put it.

Since the Raiders have a major crisis at quarterback, they must get something out of their ground attack. Craig may have been over the hill but he was the busiest and by far the most productive L.A. running back in 1991, with 590 yards on 162 carries, which ranked 17th in the AFC. Davis knows it was a reach, since he surrendered a mere fourth-round draft choice for Dickerson and then negotiated a pay cut with him. Unless Dickerson can relocate his zeal as well as his acceleration, the running attack will be a matter of



committee work again. The committee would consist of two 32-year-olds, Dickerson and Marcus Allen, plus Nick Bell, the huge second-year player who gained 390 yards and averaged 3.9 per carry.

The quarterback crisis revolves around Todd Marinovich, the freckle-faced lefty who was embarrassed in the Raiders' playoff loss to Kansas City. The decision to start Marinovich against the Chiefs was considered a Davis production. Marinovich received his first pro start the previous week against the same Chiefs in the final game of the regular season. He looked pretty good, but once they got a book on the kid, the Chiefs ate him alive, intercepting him four times and forcing a crucial fumble in the playoff game. The Raiders still have Jay Schroeder, who at least has experience. Not only does Marinovich need more

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80	Alexander, Mike	WR	6-3	195	27	Penn State
32	Allen, Marcus	RB	6-2	210	32	Southern Cal
33	Anderson, Eddie	S	6-1	210	29	Fort Valley State
59	Bell, Anthony	LB	6-3	235	28	Michigan State
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18	Jaeger, Jeff	K	5-11	195	28	Washington
58	Jimerson, A.J.	DE	6-3	235	24	Norfolk State
29	Johnson, Dennis	CB	6-1	200	25	Winston-Salem
82	Jones, David	WR	6-2	215	24	Delaware State
52	Jones, Mike	LB	6-1	225	23	Missouri
25	Land, Dan	CB	6-0	195	27	Albany State
75	Long, Howie	DE	6-5	270	32	Villanova
42	Lott, Ronnie	S	6-0	205	33	Southern Cal
12	Marinovich, Todd	QB	6-4	215	23	Southern Cal
41	McCallum, Napoleon	RB	6-2	225	29	Naval Academy
36	McDaniel, Terry	CB	5-10	180	27	Tennessee
77	McElroy, Reggie	OL	6-6	290	32	West Texas St.
65	Montoya, Max	G	6-5	290	36	UCLA
72	Mosebar, Don	C	6-6	265	31	Southern Cal
99	Moss, Winston	LB	6-3	240	27	Miami
31	Mueller, Vance	RB	6-0	220	28	Occidental
53	Noga, Niko	LB	6-1	235	30	Hawaii
71	Patten, Joel	T	6-7	290	34	Duke
43	Patterson, Elvis	S	5-11	195	32	Kansas
64	Peal, Todd	G	6-2	325	28	Northern Illinois
57	Robinson, Jerry	LB	6-2	225	36	UCLA
13	Schroeder, Jay	QB	6-4	215	31	UCLA
23	Seale, Sam	CB	5-9	185	30	Western St. (CO)
96	Showell, Malcolm	DT	6-6	260	24	Delaware St.
94	Smith, Anthony	DE	6-3	265	25	Arizona
35	Smith, Steve	RB	6-1	240	28	Penn State
63	Tafoai, Josh	C	6-6	315	24	Florida
93	Townsend, Greg	DE	6-3	270	31	TCU
67	Turk, Dan	C	6-4	270	30	Wisconsin
51	Wallace, Aaron	LB	6-3	235	25	Texas A&M
48	Washington, Lionel	CB	6-0	185	32	Tulane
44	Waymer, Dave	S	6-1	190	34	Notre Dame
68	Wilkerson, Bruce	T	6-5	295	28	Tennessee
76	Wisniewski, Steve	G	6-4	285	25	Penn State
66	Wright, Steve	T	6-6	280	33	North Iowa

## DRAFTTEES

rd.	name	pos.	ht	wt	college
1	McGlockton, Chester	DT	6-4	335	Clemson
2	Skrepnek, Greg	OT	6-6	315	Michigan
5	Hoskins, Derrick	DB	6-2	200	Southern Miss
6	Rowell, Tony	C	6-4	295	Florida
7	Cotton, Curtis	DB	6-0	205	Nebraska
7	Smith, Kevin	RB	6-4	260	UCLA
10	White, Alberto	LB	6-3	245	Texas Southern
12	Roth, Tom	G	6-5	285	Southern Illinois

polish, but his undisciplined lifestyle puts a shadow over his availability. He's on probation as the result of a drug rap. Still, it's Davis's call, rather than coach Art Shell's, whether Schroeder or Marinovich starts. Schroeder threw for 2,562 yards and 15 touchdowns, although he was intercepted 16 times and had the highest interception ratio in the AFC.

It's essential that the Raiders resolve these crises, since they have trouble enough beat-





MARCUS ALLEN

ing the good teams in the best of times. After pushing into the playoffs with a four-game winning streak, compiled mostly at the expense of losers, they lost to Buffalo, New Orleans, and then twice to K.C.

Whoever plays quarterback will have substantial targets. Ethan Horton, the tight end, became one of eight Raiders selected for the Pro Bowl after his best season: 53 catches and five touchdowns. Mervyn Fernandez averaged 15.1 yards on his 46 receptions, although he scored only once. The big lift came from Tim Brown, whose 36 catches included

#### RAIDERS 1991 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Jaeger, 116 points on 29 extra points and 29 field goals... 2nd  
 RUSHING—Craig, 590 yards on 162 carries, 3.6 avg., 1 TD... 17th  
 PASSING—Schroeder, 189 of 357 attempts for 2,562 yards and 15 TDs... 13th  
 RECEIVING—Horton, 53 receptions for 650 yards, 12.3 avg., 5 TDs... 16th  
 INTERCEPTIONS—Lott, 8 for 52 yards, 6.5 average... 1st  
 PUNTING—Gossett, 67 punts, 44.2 avg., longest 61 yards... 2nd  
 PUNT RETURNS—Brown, 29 for 330 yards, 11.4 avg., 1 TD... 2nd  
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Holland, 22 for 421 yards, 19.1 average... 13th  
 SACKS—Townsend, 13.0 sacks... 3rd

#### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 8 At San Francisco (N)  
 15 At Los Angeles Rams (N)  
 22 WASHINGTON  
 29 HOUSTON

#### 1992 SCHEDULE

September	6 At Denver (N)	17-16
	13 At Cincinnati	38-14
	20 CLEVELAND	
	28 At Kansas City (N)	21-24
October	4 NEW YORK GIANTS	
	11 BUFFALO	27-30
	18 At Seattle	23-20
	25 DALLAS	
November	1 OPEN DATE	
	8 At Philadelphia	
	15 SEATTLE	31-7
	22 DENVER	16-13
	29 At San Diego (N)	9-7
December	6 KANSAS CITY	21-27
	14 At Miami (N)	
	20 SAN DIEGO	13-21
	26 At Washington	

#### 1991 SCORES

five touchdowns and an average of 15.4 yards. Willie Gault remains a puzzle. He caught just seven passes in the final nine games after a 50-catch season in '90.

Despite the offensive troubles, there isn't much fault to find with the Raiders' line. Center Don Mosebar and left guard Steve Wisniewski went to the Pro Bowl and right guard Max Montoya seems to have something left at age 36. The draft brings a Himalaya of a tackle, 6-6, 315-pound Greg Skrepenak of Michigan, who could be more dominant as a pro. The



HOWIE LONG

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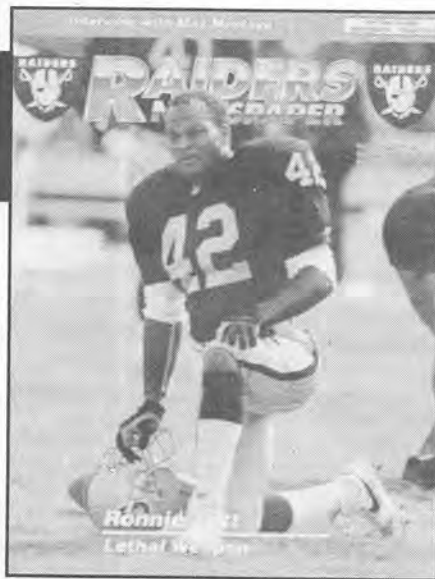
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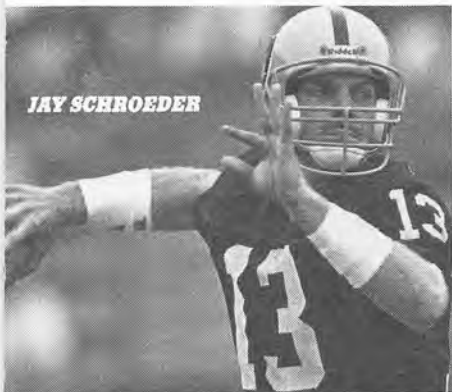
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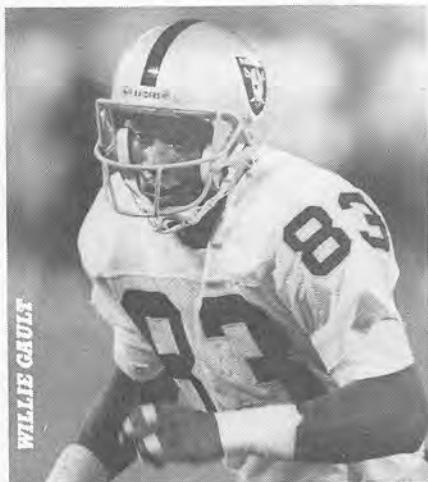
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big, then the 32-year-old Howie Long can be rested and used in spots.

One quick fix that worked was the Plan B signing of strong safety Ronnie Lott, who went to the Pro Bowl after making the vital plays that led to at least three Raider victories. Lott's



coach fantasizes about putting Skrepenak at left tackle alongside Wisniewski and producing something similar to those halcyon days when Shell himself and guard Gene Upshaw, both Hall of Famers, used to terrify the NFL.

The Raiders went back to their roots in the draft, selecting Clemson's 335-pound Chester McGlockton. They needed someone to stop the run and McGlockton is it, assuming he stays interested. There were times at Clemson when he would dominate for a series, then loaf for two series. The Raiders could stay in contention with their defense alone. The pass rush is robust. End Greg Townsend had 13 sacks, young Anthony Smith 10, and Scott Davis 6½ of the team's total of 42. Nolan Harrison, who started as a rookie, is another potential sack artist. If McGlockton comes through

performance obscured an outstanding season by free safety Eddie Anderson. The corners, Terry McDaniel and Lionel Washington, can play with anyone. Backup Elvis Patterson was a terror on special teams.

The defensive problem is the linebacking. Davis made another quick-fix attempt by picking up Atlanta's disappointment, Aundray

Bruce, via Plan B. The incumbent linebacking trio has Riki Ellison in the middle with Tom Benson and Winston Moss on the outside. They need Aaron Wallace to step forward.

There would have been no playoffs for L.A. without its special teams. Punter Jeff Gossett, kicker Jeff Jaeger, and return ace Brown all went to the Pro Bowl. Not only did Gossett average 44.2 yards on his 67 punts, but he dropped 26 inside the 20-yard line. Jaeger gave the Raiders their best place-kicking ever, converting 29 of 34 field goals, including two that won games. Brown averaged 11.4 yards per punt return.



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### CHARGERS 1991 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Carney, 88 points on 31 extra points and field goals... 9th  
 RUSHING—Butts, 834 yards on 193 carries, 4.3 avg., 6 TDs... 6th  
 PASSING—Friesz, 262 of 487 attempts for 2,896 yards and 12 TDs... 14th  
 RECEIVING—Harmon, 59 receptions for 555 yards, 9.4 avg., 1 TD... T13th  
 INTERCEPTIONS—Byrd, 6 for 48 yards, 8.0 average... T2nd  
 PUNTING—Kidd, 76 punts, 40.3 avg., longest 60 yards... 11th  
 PUNT RETURNS—Taylor, 28 for 269 yards, 9.6 average... 3rd  
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Lewis, 23 for 578 yards, 25.1 avg., 1 TD... 1st  
 SACKS—O'Neal, 9.0 sacks... T6th

### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 8 At Phoenix (N)  
 14 At New England (N)  
 21 SAN FRANCISCO (N)  
 27 LOS ANGELES RAMS (N)

### 1992 SCHEDULE

September 6 KANSAS CITY... 13-14  
 13 At Denver... 19-27  
 20 PITTSBURGH... 20-26  
 27 At Houston... 17-14  
 October 4 SEATTLE... 17-14  
 11 OPEN DATE  
 18 At Indianapolis... 14-17  
 25 DENVER... 14-17  
 November 1 INDIANAPOLIS... 17-20  
 8 At Kansas City... 24-30  
 15 At Cleveland... 7-9  
 22 TAMPA BAY... 21-13  
 29 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS (N)  
 December 6 At Phoenix... 9-20  
 13 CINCINNATI  
 20 At Los Angeles Raiders  
 27 At Seattle

### SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Some sort of football curse must have been cast on Alex Spanos when he purchased the Chargers in 1984. "I'm on cloud nine," he said at the time. "This is the culmination of a dream, a lifetime dream."

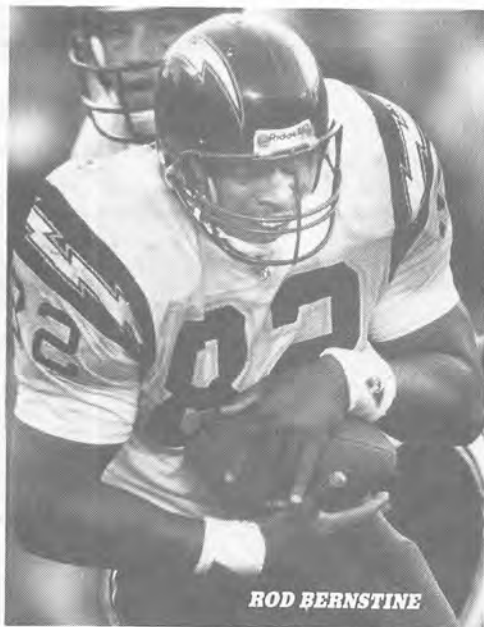
Some dream. In Spanos's eight seasons, the Chargers have finished above fourth only once, compiled a winning record only once. That was in 1987, the strike year, when they won all three ersatz games with replacement players. During that nightmare stretch, he has gone through four head coaches, three general managers, and five starting quarterbacks. Last season, they finished by losing four of their last five games.

To bring order out of chaos, Spanos, who hired the esteemed Bobby Beathard as general manager last year, welcomes Bobby Ross as his new coach. As a college coach, Ross brought Maryland its best era since the

days of the late Jim Tatum in the '50s, and then he directed Georgia Tech to its best seasons since the revered Bobby Dodd was coach more than 30 years earlier. Ross is not a neophyte in pro football. He was an assistant at Kansas City before he took the Maryland job. Ross's biggest ally in his first year will be the Chargers' fifth-place schedule. Other than their usual division opponents, Houston is the only winning team they'll meet. The schedule is full of teams such as Tampa Bay, Cincinnati, and Phoenix. They play Indianapolis home and away.

Just how much San Diego is able to take advantage of the friendly schedule may be up to John Friesz, the young quarterback Ross inherited. Friesz started all 16 games under Dan Henning, the departed coach. He passed for a total of 627 yards in consecutive games against Cleveland and the Rams. He also had a number of down days, including the season finale when he was intercepted three times in Denver's three-point victory.

Life would be simpler for Friesz if Anthony Miller returned to Pro Bowl form after an injury-pocked season. Miller had a four-game stretch in the middle of the season when he averaged seven catches, but overall it was a down year. He led the team with 44 catches, his lowest total since his rookie season. Beathard got lucky in the seventh round of the



ROD BERNSTINE

'91 draft when he landed Nate Lewis, who contributed 42 catches. Ross may not be happy with his squad of tight ends, who contributed little to the passing game.

Ross is expected to take the Chargers out of the one-back offense, which would give him an opportunity to play both of his studs, Marion Butts and Rod Bernstine. Between them they gained more than 1,600 yards. Butts finished sixth in the AFC with 834 yards and a 4.3-yard average. Bernstine finished seventh, with 766 yards, a 4.8 average, and eight touchdowns. Voted Most Valuable Player, however, was Ronnie Harmon, who combined for more than 1,000 total yards, leading the



team with 59 catches for 55 yards. He averaged 6.1 yards on his 89 carries. If Ross wants a change of pace, he has quick Eric Bieniemy, who was seldom used as a rookie.

The offensive line has possibilities. Courtney Hall was switched back to his normal center position from guard. Broderick Thompson and David Richards, the right tackle and guard, respectively, are experienced and durable. Eric Moten started 11 games at left guard as a rookie despite a neck injury. Leo Goeas is the right tackle.

Ross made a startling decision on defense, hiring Bill Arnsparger, considered a football antique, as his coordinator. Arns has been out of the NFL a long time, first as a college coach and most recently as athletic director at the University of Florida. His first move was to switch from the 3-4 alignment to a four-man line. The major personnel switch involves moving linebacker Junior Seau to the outside, where he should be more of a force as a pass rusher. As a pro sophomore, Seau recorded seven sacks from his inside position. Putting Leslie O'Neal, the sack leader, with nine, out wider should benefit him, too.

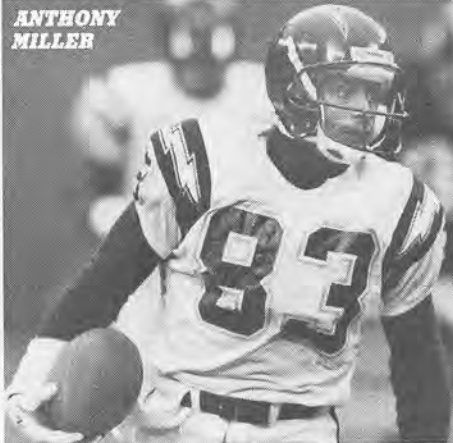
Gary Plummer, an underrated inside backer, may get the assignment as Arnsparger's first middle linebacker. Plummer is a premier run plugger. In a game against San Francisco early last year, he had 15 tackles. He finished

the season with 112. Henry Rolling, the other inside linebacker in the 3-4, began showing a knack for the big play. There is no skill problem with Burt Grossman, who could become one of the better pass rushers, but Arnsparger will have to heal the rift between Grossman and the temperamental O'Neal.

The expectation is that Chris Mims of Tennessee, the top draft choice, will claim the other starting end. He could be a big-time quarterback assaulter if he learns to discipline himself. The inside line positions should go to Joe Phillips, who made a remarkable comeback from a beating he absorbed from a couple of thugs, and George Thornton, a promising youngster who also can play outside. Phillips is a natural nose tackle, but he should be able to convert to tackle in a four-man line.

The drafting of Fresno State's Marquez Pope gives Arnsparger flexibility in the secondary. Since Gill Byrd, who made the Pro

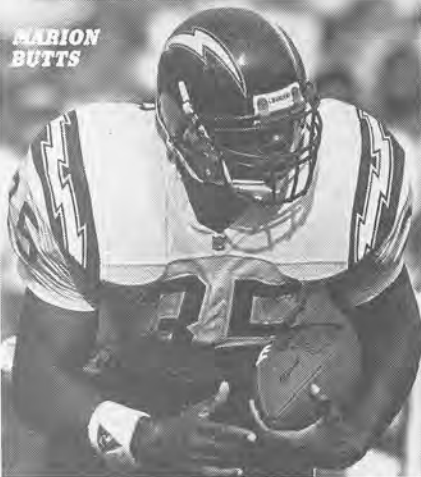
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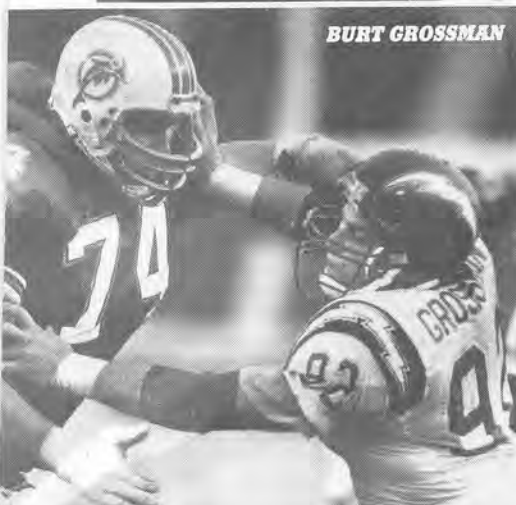
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**MARION BUTTS**



**BURT GROSSMAN**



Bowl for the first time last year, is entering his 10th season, he may be more help if he moves to the vacant strong safety. Pope has the speed and hitting ability to play either safety or corner. Stanley Richard won the free-safety job as a rookie last year.

John Carney kicked the longest field goal in Charger history, a game-winning 54-yarder. He also hit a 53-yarder and finished 19-for-29. Punter John Kidd had a sparkling finish to average 40.3 yards with 22 kicks inside the 20. Lewis led the AFC in kickoff returns with a 25.1-yard average, including a 95-yarder for a touchdown. Kitrick Taylor's 9.6-yard punt-return average was third in the AFC.

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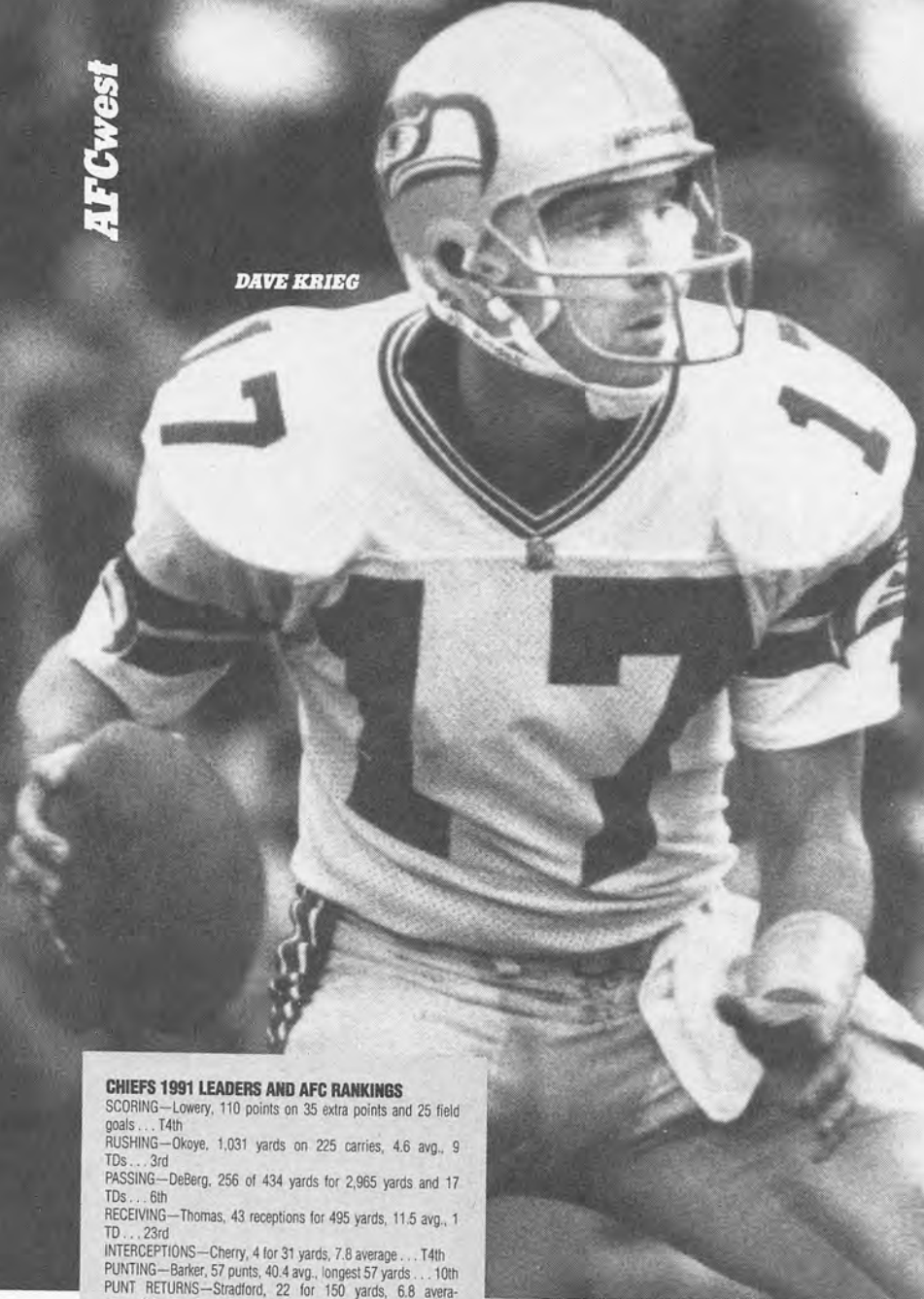
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74 Beauford, Terry	G	6-1	296	24		Florida A&M
95 Benson, Mitchell	DT	6-4	300	25		TCU
82 Bernstine, Rod	TE-RB	6-3	238	27		Texas A&M
32 Bieniemy, Eric	RB	5-7	210	23		Colorado
37 Blaylock, Tony	CB	5-10	190	27		Winston-Salem St.
35 Butts, Marion	RB	6-1	248	26		Florida State
22 Byrd, Gill	DB	5-11	198	31		San Jose State
3 Carney, John	QB	5-11	170	28		Notre Dame
29 Carrington, Darren	S	6-2	200	26		Northern Arizona
59 Clark, Greg	LB	6-0	226	27		Arizona State
28 Elder, Donnie	CB	5-9	178	29		Memphis State
88 Faison, Derrick	WR	6-4	200	25		Howard
26 Fields, Floyd	SS	6-0	208	23		Arizona State
27 Frank, Donald	CB	6-0	192	27		Winston-Salem
17 Friesz, John	QB	6-4	218	25		Idaho
16 Gagliano, Bob	QB	6-3	205	34		Utah State
67 Goeas, Leo	OL	6-4	200	25		Hawaii
7 Graham, Jeff	QB	6-6	210	26		Long Beach St.
58 Grayson, David	LB	6-3	233	28		Fresno State
92 Grossman, Burt	DE	6-4	255	25		Pittsburgh
53 Hall, Courtney	OL	6-1	281	24		Rice
36 Hall, Delton	SS	6-1	211	27		Clemson
33 Harmon, Ronnie	RB	5-11	207	28		Iowa
34 Hendrickson, Steve	HB	6-0	258	26		California
39 Jackson, Cedric	CB	6-0	235	24		TCU
80 Jefferson, Shawn	WR	5-11	172	23		Central Florida
66 Jenkins, Darryl	T	6-4	310	25		Georgia Tech
98 Joelson, Greg	DE	6-3	270	26		Arizona State
68 Johnson, Jarrod	C	6-1	280	23		Lehigh
48 Jones, Kenneth	CB	6-1	205	24		Tennessee St.
51 Kalou, Andy	LB	6-2	238	27		So. Oregon St.
21 Kelson, Derrick	DB	6-0	197	24		Purdue
10 Kidd, John	P	6-3	208	31		Northwestern
78 Lalster, Jimmy	OL	6-6	305	23		Oregon Tech
81 Lewis, Nate	WR	5-11	198	26		Oregon Tech
47 Mack, Cedric	CB	5-11	190	32		Baylor
99 Marve, Eugene	LB	6-2	240	32		Saginaw Valley St.
31 McEwen, Craig	HB	6-1	226	27		Utah
83 Miller, Anthony	WR	5-11	189	27		Tennessee
77 Molen, Eric	G	6-2	306	24		Michigan State
4 O'Hara, Pat	QB	6-3	205	24		Southern Cal
91 O'Neal, Leslie	LB	6-4	259	28		Oklahoma State
38 Oldham, Chris	CB	5-9	183	24		Oregon
69 Parrish, James	T	6-5	292	24		Temple
75 Phillips, Joe	NT	6-5	315	29		SMU
50 Plummer, Gary	LB	6-2	244	32		California
90 Price, Terry	DE	6-4	272	24		Texas A&M
24 Richard, Stanley	FS	6-2	197	25		Texas
65 Richards, David	OL	6-4	310	26		UCLA
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20 Samuels, Chris	RB	5-10	202	23		Texas
79 Savage, Tony	NT	6-3	300	25		Washington St.
55 Seau, Junior	LB	6-3	250	23		Southern Cal
23 Shelton, Anthony	FS	6-1	195	25		Tennessee State
54 Smith, Billy Ray	LB	6-3	236	31		Arkansas
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87 Young, Duane	TE	6-1	276	24		Michigan State
70 Zandofsky, Mike	G	6-2	305	27		Washington

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1	Mims, Chris	DE	6-5	270	Tennessee
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3	Ethridge, Ray	WR	5-10	180	Pasadena City
5	Whitley, Curtis	C	6-1	288	Clemson
5	Little, Kevin	LB	6-2	251	N.C. A&T
5	Jonassen, Eric	OT	6-5	310	Bloomsburg St.
6	White, Reggie	DE	6-4	291	North Carolina A&T
7	May, Deems	TE	6-4	250	North Carolina
8	Fuller, James	DB	5-11	208	Portland St.
9	Barnes, Johnnie	WR	6-1	173	Hampton
10	Paul, Arthur	DT	6-6	307	Arizona State
11	McAtee, Keith	RB	6-0	214	Texas A&M
12	Huerta, Carlos	PK	5-7	172	Miami



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**CHIEFS 1991 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS**

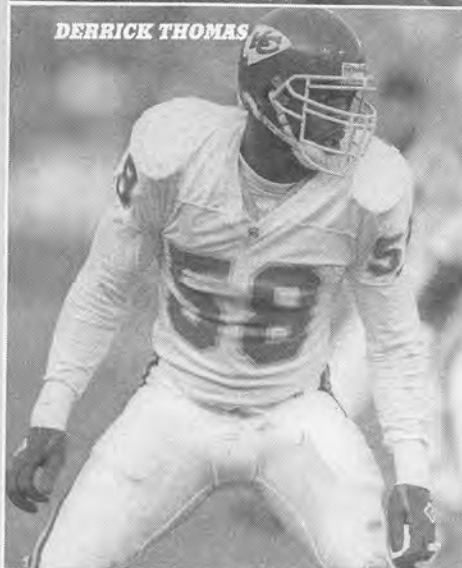
SCORING—Lowery, 110 points on 35 extra points and 25 field goals... T4th  
 RUSHING—Okoye, 1,031 yards on 225 carries, 4.6 avg., 9 TDs... 3rd  
 PASSING—DeBerg, 256 of 434 yards for 2,965 yards and 17 TDs... 6th  
 RECEIVING—Thomas, 43 receptions for 495 yards, 11.5 avg., 1 TD... 23rd  
 INTERCEPTIONS—Cherry, 4 for 31 yards, 7.8 average... T4th  
 PUNTING—Barker, 57 punts, 40.4 avg., longest 57 yards... 10th  
 PUNT RETURNS—Stradford, 22 for 150 yards, 6.8 average... 9th  
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Williams, 24 for 524 yards, 21.8 average... 4th  
 SACKS—Thomas, 13.5 sacks... 2nd

**PRESEASON SCHEDULE**

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 15 At Minnesota (N)  
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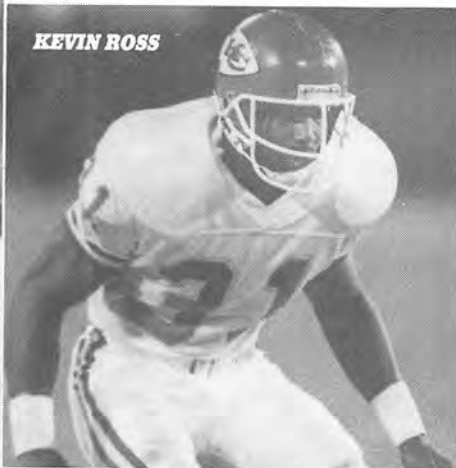
**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS**

Think of the Kansas City Chiefs as a sleek racing car. The design is on the cutting edge. The aerodynamics are top of the line. The gadgetry is futuristic. There is one catch: Under the hood is a rebuilt engine. The old, rebuilt engine was Steve DeBerg, but he wore out once again. The new, rebuilt engine is Dave Krieg. The Chiefs hope he provides better mileage with a longer warranty.

In short, the Chiefs are a championship-caliber team with a quarterback problem. DeBerg gave them the season of his career in 1990 and they still were eliminated from the playoffs in the first round. Last year, the rest of the team grew and improved, yet DeBerg staggered through the season. They were blown out of the playoffs in the first round. Now it's the same formula with a different quarterback, Krieg, who spent the first 12 seasons of his pro career with Seattle.

The signing of Krieg as a Plan B free agent is something of a long shot. He will be 34 in October and his body bears cleat marks from a legion of pass rushers. For the last three years, he was the most intercepted quarterback in the AFC. Nevertheless, he has a track record of winning games when everyone else was hysterical, and that's all Kansas City asks. Their praise for young quarterback Mark Vlasic sounds suspiciously like whistling past the graveyard.

KEVIN ROSS



Even if Krieg gives the Chiefs a miracle year, they need to expand their offensive horizons. There has been too much "Here we come with our power backs, right up the middle—try to stop us." The power backs were stopped too often in the big games. Last season, in a Monday night game against Buffalo, the Chiefs unveiled young running back Harvey Williams and he provided the balance that helped them embarrass the Bills. Coach Marty Schottenheimer has to figure out a way to get Williams more involved in the offense.

Christian Okoye finished third among AFC rushers, with 1,031 yards. He scored nine touchdowns. He still hurts people when they tackle him. Barry Word, an Okoye clone, gained 684 yards. Williams added 447. Both Okoye and Word broke longer runs than Williams, whose best was 25 yards, but Williams can get outside and he catches the ball well, assets that Okoye and Word don't have.

With Stephone Paige injured for all but two games, the Chiefs didn't place a receiver



among the AFC's top 30. Krieg is accustomed to better. What he needs is a Paige comeback and the rapid development of pro sophomore Tim Barnett, who averaged 13.8 yards and had five touchdowns among his 41 receptions. A tight end who can bail out Krieg also must be found.

The Chiefs' offensive line, usually a given when discussing the team's assets, is out of balance. John Alt is among the better left tackles in the NFL and left guard Dave Szott and center Tim Grunhard are young studs. But there is worry on the right side, where guard David Lutz is showing his age and tackle Derrick Graham still hasn't proved himself. Tight end Jonathon Hayes is more valued as a blocker than as a receiver.

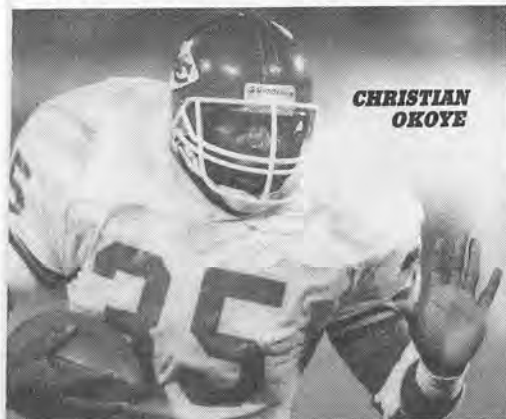
Defensively, the Chiefs put plenty of heat on the passers when blitzing linebacker Derrick Thomas is at the top of his game. He had 13½ of Kansas City's 39 sacks. Thomas has become a more complete linebacker, playing the run with authority. The line is formidable, with Pro Bowler Neil Smith (eight sacks) on one side of star nose tackle Dan Saleaumua and veteran tough guy Bill Maas on the other. The linebacker corps needs a strong comeback by inside backer Percy Snow, who suffered a broken ankle in a non-football situation. Dino Hackett is still a load inside and there were strong contributions by Lonnie Marts and ex-Tampa Bay Buc Ervin Randle.

Alarmingly, the major defensive worry for the Chiefs is the secondary, long a strong point. The problem is age. Free safety Deron Cherry had the best year with four interceptions and a team-leading 116 tackles, but he's 33. Corner Albert Lewis will be 32 and he gets

hurt often these days. The other corner, Kevin Ross, is 30. The strong safety, Kevin Porter, 26, is the only sub-30 starter. Jayce Pearson, who played for Lewis most of last season, is 29. The age factor showed in '91. It's difficult to score on K.C. from within the 20, but it's possible to beat them with big pass plays. That's what Buffalo did in the playoffs. Dale Carter of Tennessee, the top draft choice, could have an immediate effect whether he is stationed at cornerback or safety. Carter is the sort of big-play guy who can give the Chiefs an extra defensive dimension. He goes to the ball and can do it quickly. The bonus is that he led the nation in kickoff returns as a Vol junior, averaging almost 30 yards. He also is an accomplished punt returner.

The Chiefs really wanted Houston quarterback David Klingler, but when Cincinnati tabbed him, they settled on Virginia quarterback Matt Blundin in the second round. The irony is that if Krieg falters, Blundin is better equipped than Klingler to play now, even though Blundin, an ex-basketball player, started only one year. Virginia's offense is more akin to Kansas City's, while Houston is a run-and-shoot team and Klingler's high school team used an option offense.

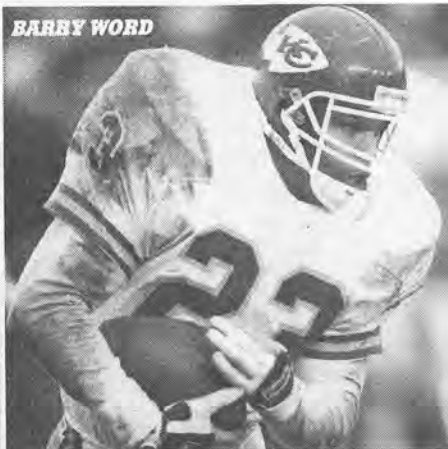
Other useful rookies include Michigan's Mike Evans, who could be an extra pass rusher, and receiver Tony Smith, whose potential was never fully explored at Notre Dame.



**CHRISTIAN OKOYE**



**JOHN ALT**



**BARRY WORD**



**NEIL SMITH**

On the surface, Nick Lowery, the great field-goal kicker, still has it. He was successful on 25 of 30 attempts, yet Schottenheimer doesn't ask him to kick the long ones much any more. Bryan Barker did an adequate punting job. Williams's 21.8-yard kickoff-return average was fourth in the AFC.

#### CHIEFS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
68	Allen, Kevin	T	6-8	310	29	Indiana
76	Alt, John	T	6-8	296	30	Iowa
45	Anderson, Herbie	CB	6-0	183	24	Texas A&I
77	Baldinger, Rich	T	6-4	293	33	Wake Forest
4	Barker, Bryan	P	6-1	187	28	Santa Clara
82	Barnett, Tim	WR	6-1	209	24	Jackson State
41	Bayless, Martin	S	6-2	212	30	Bowling Green
80	Beavers, Scott	G	6-4	277	25	Georgia Tech
88	Birden, J.J.	WR	5-9	170	27	Oregon
5	Bradley, James	WR	6-0	196	24	Michigan State
70	Brown, Dean	G	6-3	311	24	Notre Dame
69	Cash, Keith	TE	6-4	235	23	Texas
20	Cherry, Deron	S	5-11	203	33	Rutgers
49	Coleman, Eric	CB	6-0	190	26	Wyoming
84	Davis, Willie	WR	6-0	170	25	Central Arkansas
71	Dohring, Tom	T	6-6	290	24	Michigan
39	Everett, Eric	CB	5-10	170	26	Texas Tech
74	Graham, Derrick	T	6-4	300	25	Appalachian St.
67	Grant, Darryl	DT	6-1	275	33	Rice
98	Griffin, Leonard	DE	6-4	278	30	Grambling
61	Grunhard, Tim	C	6-2	299	24	Notre Dame
56	Hackett, Dino	LB	6-3	230	28	Appalachian State
22	Hagy, John	S	6-0	190	27	Texas
7	Hargain, Tony	WR	6-0	188	25	Oregon
86	Harry, Emile	WR	5-11	186	29	Stanford
85	Hayes, Jonathan	TE	6-5	248	30	Iowa
32	Hemingway, George	RB	6-0	238	24	Colorado
87	Hudson, Craig	TE	6-3	245	25	Wisconsin
43	Jones, Bill	RB	5-11	227	26	SW Texas State
80	Jones, Fred	WR	5-9	182	25	Grambling
17	Krieg, Dave	QB	6-1	192	34	Milton
29	Lewis, Albert	CB	6-2	195	32	Grambling
21	Lewis, Tauhan	CB	5-10	175	24	Nebraska
8	Lowery, Nick	K	6-4	205	34	Dartmouth
72	Lutz, David	G	6-6	305	33	Georgia Tech
63	Maas, Bill	DE	6-5	275	30	Pittsburgh
47	Malone, Darrell	S	5-10	177	25	Jacksonville State
57	Martin, Chris	LB	6-2	241	32	Auburn
51	Marts, Lonnie	LB	6-1	243	24	Tulane
48	McNair, Todd	RB	6-1	191	27	Temple
42	Mincy, Charles	S	5-11	187	23	Washington
30	Mitchell, Stump	RB	5-9	200	33	The Citadel
35	Okoye, Christian	RB	6-1	260	31	Azusa Pacific
83	Paige, Stephane	WR	6-2	188	31	Fresno State
24	Pearson, Jayce	CB	5-11	186	29	Washington
27	Porter, Kevin	S	5-10	214	26	Auburn
55	Randle, Ervin	LB	6-1	250	30	Baylor
52	Rogers, Tracy	LB	6-2	241	25	Fresno State
31	Ross, Kevin	CB	5-9	182	30	Temple
97	Saleaumua, Dan	NT	6-0	295	28	Arizona State
54	Simien, Tracy	LB	6-1	245	25	TCU
95	Sims, Tom	NT	6-2	285	25	Pittsburgh
90	Smith, Neil	DE	6-4	275	26	Nebraska
59	Snow, Percy	LB	6-2	250	25	Michigan State
25	Stradford, Troy	RB	5-9	194	28	Boston College
79	Scott, David	G	6-4	275	25	Penn State
94	Szymanski, Jim	DE	6-5	262	25	Michigan State
19	Taylor, Gene	WR	6-2	182	30	Fresno State
58	Thomas, Derrick	LB	6-3	238	25	Alabama
81	Thomas, Robb	WR	5-11	175	26	Oregon State
48	Thompson, Bennie	S	6-0	200	29	Grambling
40	Thompson, Kevin	S	5-10	190	26	Oklahoma
73	Valerio, Joe	T	6-5	293	23	Pennsylvania
13	Vlasic, Mark	QB	6-3	205	29	Iowa
92	Weatherspoon, Stephan	LB	6-2	245	24	Texas Tech
44	Williams, Harvey	RB	6-2	222	25	LSU
23	Word, Barry	RB	6-2	242	28	Virginia
91	Young, Todd	TE	6-5	257	25	Penn State

#### DRAFTES

rd.	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Carter, Dale	DB	6-1	181	Tennessee
2	Blundin, Matt	QB	6-6	228	Virginia
4	Evans, Mike	OL	6-3	267	Michigan
6	Smith, Tony	WR	6-2	185	Notre Dame
7	Anderson, Erick	LB	6-1	241	Michigan
8	Jennings, Jim	G	6-4	295	San Diego St.
9	Leeuwenburg, Jay	G	6-2	267	Colorado
10	Ostroski, Gerry	DE	6-3	310	Tulsa
11	Rigby, Doug	DE	6-6	276	Wyoming
12	Williams, Corey	DB	6-2	190	Oklahoma St.

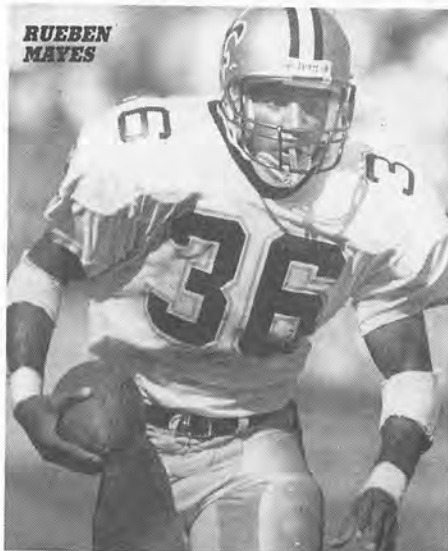


## AFC West SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

The Chuck Knox era officially ended in Seattle last December, but it actually ended when Ken Behring purchased the team three years ago. Knox was never Behring's kind of coach. "My philosophy is that you play to win," said the owner. "Chuck's philosophy is a little more to play not to lose."

Behring will have his philosophy tested this season. Tom Flores, who added the title of coach to his title of Seahawks president, was a more daring coach when he won two Super Bowls with the Raiders. The problem with the current Seahawks is that they are missing some vital parts, such as a viable quarterback. After Dave Krieg was banished (to Kansas City) via plan B free agency, Flores' choice became either of two untested kids, Dan McGwire and Kelly Stouffer. McGwire got to throw only seven passes, completing three, after Seattle made him its No. 1 draft pick. Stouffer, who cost the Seahawks three draft picks in 1988, has played in just two games in the last two years.

Flores may be perplexed about where to turn. He can't even fall back on Knox's old ploy, "Ground Chuck." Seattle's rushing yardage was 11th in the AFC. The top runner, full-



**RUEBEN  
MAYES**

back John Williams, could manage only 741 yards. The starting tailback, Derrick Fenner, was another Plan B defector.

The best thing Flores has going for him is defense. Tom Catlin, Knox's defensive guru since Chuck became a head coach 19 years ago, elected to stay in Seattle, where he built the No. 2 defense in the AFC. If the opposition hadn't been held to 20 or fewer points in 11 games, the Seahawks wouldn't have approached their 7-9 record.

Don't expect the new coach to pay much respect to the status quo. The Seahawks lost five of their seven games in November and December. It seems to be a good time for the introduction of new faces. McGwire would seem the most likely fresh face. At 6-foot-8 and 243 pounds, he could be a tree in the passing pocket, both in the sense of sturdiness and lack of mobility. The optimists like to think of the 27 touchdown passes he threw for San Diego State in his senior year.



**JOHN L. WILLIAMS**



**CORTEZ  
KENNEDY**

Williams, one of the better NFL fullbacks for the last six years, gained 1,240 total yards in 1991. But he is supposed to fill the supporting role. The Seahawks would like someone to impersonate Curt Warner, their long-departed running star. Could be that they'll have to compromise and play two fullbacks, lining up James Jones alongside Williams.

### SEAHAWKS 1991 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Kasay, 102 points on 27 extra points and 25 field goals... 6th  
RUSHING—Williams, 741 yards on 188 carries, 3.9 avg., 4 TDs... 8th  
PASSING—Krieg, 187 of 285 attempts for 2,080 yards and 11 TDs... 4th  
RECEIVING—Blades, 70 receptions for 1,003 yards, 14.3 avg., 2 TDs... 17th  
INTERCEPTIONS—Robinson, 5 for 56 yards, 11.2 average... T3rd  
PUNTING—Tuten, 49 punts, 43.0 avg., longest 60 yards... 5th  
PUNT RETURNS—Warren, 32 for 298 yards, 9.3 avg., 1 TD... 4th  
KICKOFF RETURNS—Warren, 35 for 792 yards, 22.6 average... 3rd  
SACKS—Porter, 10.0 sacks... T5th

### PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	6	LOS ANGELES RAMS (N)
	15	At Indianapolis (N)
	22	PHOENIX (N)
	28	At San Francisco (N)

### 1992 SCHEDULE

		1991 SCORES
September	6 CINCINNATI	13-7
	13 At Kansas City	13-20
	20 At New England	
	27 MIAMI	
October	4 At San Diego	14-17
	11 At Dallas	
	18 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	20-23
	25 At New York Giants	
November	1 OPEN DATE	
	8 WASHINGTON	
	15 At Los Angeles Raiders	7-31
	22 KANSAS CITY (N)	6-19
	30 DENVER	13-10
December	6 At Pittsburgh	27-7
	13 PHILADELPHIA	
	20 At Denver	10-16
	27 SAN DIEGO	20-9



The most impressive receiver is Brian Blades, who caught 70 passes for a 14.3-yard average. Tommy Kane caught 50 for a 15.3-yard average. Each scored just two touchdowns. Considering that the quarterback will be inexperienced and the offensive line under repair, the Seahawks need a big year from tight end Travis McNeal, who caught only 17 passes in 1991. Williams, always a reliable receiver, caught 61 for 499 yards.

The only stable veterans in the line are guard Bryan Millard, who went to the Pro Bowl again, and emerging tackle Andy Heck. Huge Bill Hitchcock is a corner at tackle. Flores needs Joe Tofflemire to come up big at center after a year of inactivity due to his back injury.

No one criticized Knox when he traded two first-round draft choices for the opportunity to pick Cortez Kennedy in 1990, and last season the 293-pound tackle became one of the dominant players in the NFL. He led the linemen in sacks, with 6½, had 72 tackles, and made a dozen tackles behind the line of scrimmage. At 35, end Jacob Green keeps doing it by memory. Jeff Bryant is no kid at 32, either. Tony Woods gained 25 pounds to make the switch from linebacker to right end. He recovered four fumbles but otherwise his debut was nothing special.

**RUFUS PORTER**



**BRYAN MILLARD**



Rufus Porter developed into one of the better outside linebackers, leading the team in sacks, with 10, and in tackles behind the line of scrimmage, with 15. Terry Wooden recovered from an injury to lead the team in tackles, with 100. Dave Wyman tries to return from an injury to reclaim his middle-linebacker job.

The strength of the secondary is at safety, where Eugene Robinson finished either first or second in tackles the last four years and led in interceptions with five in '91. Strong safety Robert Blackmon has a bright future. Dwayne Harper and Patrick Hunter are the corners.

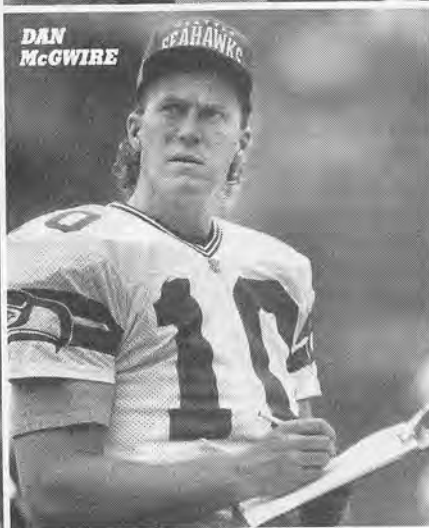
Flores is going to need every edge he can find, and special teams, which remain under the direction of Rusty Tillman, are a plus. Place-kicker John Kasay had a spectacular rookie year. His 25 field goals were a club record, as were his 80-plus percentage and his 13 consecutive field goals. He had two successful kicks of more than 50 yards in one game against San Diego. Rick Tuten, a Bills' reject, chipped in with a 42.9-yard punting average, best ever for a Seahawk. Chris Warren finished third in the AFC with his 22.6-yard kickoff-return average and fourth on his 9.3-yard punt-return work.

The Seahawks made a couple of draft-day deals that smacked of panic. In the first, they traded a fourth-round pick to New Orleans for veteran running back Rueben Mayes, who had been in retirement for a year as a result of knee miseries. In the second, they sent two second-round draft choices to Minnesota for defensive tackle Keith Millard. Once among

**KEITH MILLARD**



**DAN MCGWIRE**



the leading NFL terrorists, Millard missed most of the last two years with serious knee trouble. If the Millard deal works out, the Seahawks will have a formidable front with him and Kennedy. If Mayes can make a comeback, it will help the rushing game.

The draft brought Virginia's Ray Roberts, who could be the other book-end offensive tackle across from Heck, and Bobby Spittulski of Central Florida, possibly the eventual middle linebacker.

## SEAHAWKS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	college
65	Bailey, Edwin	G	6-4	284	23	South Carolina St.
25	Blackmon, Robert	S	6-0	197	25	Baylor
89	Blades, Brian	WR	5-11	189	27	Miami
75	Blades, Brian	OL	6-5	296	30	North Carolina
8	Brewer, Derwin	WR	5-8	165	24	Middle Tenn. St.
64	Britz, Derrick	G	6-3	287	28	Oregon St.
77	Bryant, Jeff	DT	6-5	281	32	Clemson
59	Cain, Joe	LB	6-1	233	27	Oregon Tech
84	Clark, Louis	WR	6-0	198	28	Mississippi St.
53	Comeaux, Darren	LB	6-1	239	32	Arizona St.
51	Colton, Marcus	LB	6-3	233	26	Southern Cal
88	Daniels, David	WR	6-1	190	23	Penn State
34	Davis, Brian	CB	6-2	187	29	Nebraska
23	Davis, Harlan	CB	6-0	191	25	Tennessee
33	Dodge, Dedrick	S	6-2	184	25	Florida St.
54	Feasel, Grant	C	6-7	283	32	Ablene Christian
	Geibaugh, Stan	QB	6-3	207	30	Maryland
22	Glasgow, Nesby	S	5-10	187	35	Washington
79	Green, Jacob	DE	6-3	263	35	Texas A&M
29	Harper, Dwayne	CB	5-11	174	26	S.C. State
78	Hayes, Eric	DT	6-3	288	25	Florida State
66	Heck, Andy	T	6-6	289	25	Notre Dame
82	Heller, Ron	TE	6-3	242	29	Oregon State
16	Hilger, Rusty	QB	6-4	209	30	Oklahoma State
76	Hitchcock, Bill	T	6-6	291	27	Purdue
38	Holt, Leroy	FB	5-10	224	25	Southern Cal
27	Hunter, Patrick	CB	5-11	186	28	Nevada
26	Jefferson, James	CB	6-1	199	29	Texas A&I
43	Johnson, Tracy	FB	6-0	230	26	Clemson
30	Jones, James	FB	6-3	232	31	Florida
83	Junkin, Trey	TE	6-2	237	31	Louisiana Tech
81	Kane, Tommy	WR	5-11	181	28	Syracuse
4	Kasay, John	K	5-10	189	23	Georgia
96	Kennedy, Cortez	DT	6-3	293	24	Miami
63	Lee, Ronnie	T	6-3	296	36	Baylor
62	Leggett, Brad	C	6-4	270	26	Southern Cal
	Mayes, Rueben	RB	5-11	200	29	Washington St.
31	McElroy, Vann	S	6-2	199	32	Baylor
10	McElroy, Dan	QB	6-8	243	25	San Diego State
86	McNeal, Travis	TE	6-3	244	25	UT-Chattanooga
71	Millard, Bryan	G	6-5	277	32	Texas
	Millard, Keith	DT	6-5	268	30	Washington St.
72	Nash, Joe	DT	6-3	278	32	Boston College
58	Newbill, Richard	LB	6-1	240	24	Miami
21	Olliphant, Mike	RB	5-9	171	29	Puget Sound
97	Porter, Rufus	LB	6-1	227	27	Southern
41	Robinson, Eugene	S	6-0	191	29	Colgate
70	Sinclair, Michael	DE	6-4	255	24	E. New Mexico
73	Singer, Curt	G	6-5	281	31	Tennessee
94	Stephens, Rod	LB	6-1	237	26	Georgia Tech
11	Stoutter, Kelly	QB	6-3	214	28	Colorado State
85	Thomas, Doug	WR	5-10	178	23	Clemson
56	Tofflemire, Joe	C	6-3	273	27	Arizona
14	Tuten, Rick	P	6-2	218	27	Florida State
42	Warren, Chris	RB	6-2	225	25	Ferrum
74	Wheat, Warren	G	6-6	286	25	BYU
32	Williams, John L.	FB	5-11	231	28	Florida
90	Wooden, Terry	LB	6-3	236	25	Syracuse
57	Woods, Tony	DE	6-4	269	27	Pittsburgh
92	Wyman, David	LB	6-2	248	28	Stanford

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1	Roberts, Ray	DT	6-6	304	Virginia
2	Spittulski, Bob	LB	6-3	235	Central Florida
5	Dandridge, Gary	S	6-0	213	Appalachian State
6	Bates, Michael	WR	5-10	189	Arizona
7	Frier, Mike	DE	6-5	300	Appalachian State
8	Shamsid-Deen, M.	RB	5-11	200	UT-Chattanooga
9	Stayner, Larry	TE	6-5	241	Boise State
10	Hamlet, Anthony	DE	6-3	260	Miami
11	Rongen, Kris	G	6-5	284	Washington
12	Fralley, Chico	LB	6-1	210	Washington
12	MacNeill, John	DE	6-4	260	Michigan State



# CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

by **RICK MATSUMOTO**

TORONTO STAR

● The Canadian Football League has had more commissioners in the last five years than Elizabeth Taylor has had husbands. While Liz made only two trips to the altar during that span, the CFL went through three commissioners.

For boss No. 4 they've turned to one of their own, former Montreal Alouette fullback Larry Smith. Hired in February after a lengthy search, Smith replaces Donald Crump, who served just two years of his three-year contract before fleeing back to Maple Leaf Gardens, where some semblance of sanity has taken over since the death of the irascible Harold Ballard.

When he left the Gardens to join the CFL, Crump brought along a bullwhip to his introductory press conference. However, there was never any indication that he uncoiled it to keep the league's governors and general managers in line. In the end, they turned on him, blaming him for everything from a shortfall in television revenue to the delay in locating new owners for the Ottawa Rough Riders last summer after the club's previous owner abandoned it in midseason. Finally, Crump tired of having to keep his back to the wall and resigned following a highly successful Grey Cup game.

It doesn't appear that Smith, at age 40 the youngest commissioner of the nine who have served the league, will need a whip or any other form of intimidation to bring law and order to the league. While he had a reputation during his eight-year career with the Alouettes as a locker room jokester, Smith gives every indication that he's a no-nonsense businessman and a sound leader. Within hours of being named commissioner, Smith, who resigned as president of the frozen food division of Ogilvie Mills Ltd. in Montreal to become head of the CFL, rendered a quick and decisive judgment involving disputes over draft choices. The decisions brought applause even from those teams he had ruled against.

Buffalo Bills head coach Marv Levy, who coached him in Montreal, recalled Smith as "a young man who you knew was going places. He was a very bright guy," added Levy. "He was a person of the highest character and displayed excellent leadership."

## PREDICTIONS EASTERN DIVISION

1. Toronto Argonauts
2. Winnipeg Blue Bombers
3. Ottawa Rough Riders
4. Hamilton Tiger-Cats

## WESTERN DIVISION

1. Calgary Stampeders
2. Edmonton Eskimos
3. British Columbia Lions
4. Saskatchewan Roughriders

Smith takes over the helm at a time when the owners and directors of all eight teams finally seem prepared to sail in the same direction. The new approach started last year with the purchase of the Toronto Argonauts, the league's flagship franchise, by the Los Angeles-based troika of Bruce McNall, owner of the Los Angeles Kings of the National Hockey League; Kings' superstar Wayne Gretzky; and actor/comedian John Candy, a Toronto native.

The McNall group breathed new life into the dying league when it shelled out an unprecedented \$18 million to Notre Dame star Raghbi (Rocket) Ismail to pluck the swift wide receiver and kick returner from NFL hands. The signing of Ismail proved an immediate hit. Not only did it improve the Argos' attendance at the SkyDome to an average of more than 35,000 from 21,000, but Ismail's appearance resulted in capacity or near-capacity crowds almost everywhere the Argos played. With their home attendance improving by more than 140,000



**ROCKET ISMAIL**



last season, the Argos realized in excess of \$7 million in revenue just on the increase. That alone satisfied McNall that he had made the right decision in going after Ismail.

"He got people excited about the Argonauts and the CFL at a time when there was concern for the team and the league," said McNall. "On the field, considering he was a rookie trying to learn a different game, I think he did all we asked him to do as well. Then, of course, he gave us that storybook ending."

McNall was referring to the Grey Cup game against the Calgary Stampeders at icy Winnipeg Stadium, where Ismail's 87-yard kickoff return in the third quarter sent the Argos to their first league championship in 11 years.

The exposure which Ismail brought to the CFL resulted in a much improved sale of merchandising and increased revenue from television with the league signing an estimated \$4.5 million contract with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. It also attracted new owners for the Calgary and Ottawa franchises and carried over to the expected sale of the struggling Hamilton Tiger-Cats this year.

The Stampeders, which had been a publicly owned team for 50 years, were purchased by local businessman Larry Ryckman, who set about to follow the example of the Argos' signing of Ismail by attracting a marquee player of his own. Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard of the University of Michigan was Ryckman's initial quarry, but when quarterback Doug Flutie became available af-

ter refusing to re-sign with the B.C. Lions, Ryckman quickly signed the talented passer before he could flee back south of the border.

Meanwhile, the Rough Riders, which cost the league \$2.2 million to stay afloat when the previous owners walked away from the team after the fourth game of the season, found new owners and a fresh start in Detroit-area multimillionaire Bernard Glieberman. While he was originally interested in putting a CFL expansion team in Detroit, Glieberman opted to buy the Ottawa club and agreed to keep it in the capital. With training camp approaching, Glieberman's new general manager, Dan Rambo, was dicker with former NFL stars Dexter Manley and Tony Dorsett as possible gate attractions for Lansdowne Park.

Expansion remains a hot topic in CFL circles, although it won't happen this season, as some had hoped. In fact, it's been pushed to

But then, King Kong didn't have a Rocket on his side. The only rockets he saw were being fired at him.

The Argos face the same dilemma as they attempt to repeat as Grey Cup champions. The other teams will be looking to bring the Boatmen down to earth. Mind you, the fact that they have their own Rocket, Raghib Ismail, at their disposal will make things easier. In his rookie season, the former Notre Dame star returned a sizable portion of his \$18 million contract by not only leading the league with 2,959 total yards, but by scoring the winning touchdown in the Grey Cup game on an 87-yard kickoff return. He can be expected to be even better after learning how to use the larger Canadian field to his advantage.

Adam Rita, who took his team to a Grey Cup triumph in his rookie season and won coach of the year honors as well, faces the monumental task of trying to hang onto Earl Grey's goblet without star quarterback Matt Dunigan. In a move that caught everyone—especially Argo general manager Mike McCarthy—off guard, Dunigan jumped ship a month before training camp when he signed with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Dunigan, whom the Argos had obtained from the B.C. Lions two years ago, had become a free agent after engineering the Grey Cup victory over Calgary while playing with a broken collarbone. After months of negotiations, during which time Dunigan steadfastly refused to sign a deal that did not guarantee his contract, he accepted a three-year pact with the Bombers for a reported \$400,000 a season—all guaranteed.

Dunigan's sudden departure didn't leave the Argos completely in the lurch, however, as McCarthy had managed to re-sign backup quarterback Rickey Foggie (Minnesota), who had also played out his option. Foggie, who started the 10 games Dunigan missed last year due to injuries, will step up into the starter's role. McCarthy was also expected to make a pitch for free agents Tom Burgess (Colgate), who lost his job to Dunigan in Winnipeg and Mike Kerrigan. He was negotiating with collegians Danny Woodson (Alabama) and Darian Hagan (Colorado), although the latter was chosen in the ninth round of the NFL draft by San Francisco.

Quarterback wasn't the only position where Rita was facing changes. The Argos lost middle linebacker Chris Gaines (Vanderbilt), outside linebacker Darryl Ford (New Mexico State), center Ian Beckstead (Richmond), and wide receiver Jeff Boyd (Chapman).

Beckstead and Boyd retired after long, productive careers. Gaines was forced to quit after just three seasons because of an ankle injury and Ford signed with the NFL's Detroit Lions. The Argos had already brought in the experienced but unpredictable Jeff Braswell (Iowa State) at the end of last season to replace the ailing Gaines. Boyd had not seen much action last year after the Argos obtained David Williams (Illinois), and several youngsters are waiting to step into Beckstead's shoes. But replacing Ford will be another matter. In just his second full season with the Argos, Ford led the league in tackles and was the team's nominee for outstanding defensive player honors. Ford was the ideal CFL strong-side linebacker as he had the speed to scamper from sideline to sideline to play the run

#### 1991 CFL FINAL STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION	w	l	t	pts	off	def
Toronto	13	5	0	26	647	526
Winnipeg	9	9	0	18	516	499
Ottawa	7	11	0	14	522	577
Hamilton	3	15	0	6	400	599
WESTERN DIVISION						
Edmonton	12	6	0	24	671	569
Calgary	11	7	0	22	596	552
British Columbia	11	7	0	22	661	587
Saskatchewan	6	12	0	12	606	710

#### DIVISION SEMIFINALS

Winnipeg 26 • Ottawa 8  
Calgary 43 • British Columbia 41

#### DIVISION FINALS

Toronto 42 • Winnipeg 3  
Calgary 38 • Edmonton 36

#### GREY CUP

Toronto 36 • Calgary 21

the back burner while the league takes a thorough look at its feasibility. Portland had been the U.S. city showing the most interest in bringing the Canadian game south of the border, although cities from Syracuse to Fargo have come up from time to time in discussions. A group headed by Paul Allen, owner of the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers, was behind an exhibition game in Portland in June between the Argos and the Stampeders.

Smith, however, showed his leadership by putting expansion talk in its proper perspective. Without putting thumbs down on plans to put teams in the U.S., he talked of "putting the CFL house in order first." That's a task which his three immediate predecessors struggled with during the past five years. It's also the biggest job facing Smith. But it's difficult to come away after meeting Larry Smith without feeling that if anyone can do it, he can.

#### EASTERN DIVISION

#### TORONTO ARGONAUTS

As King Kong probably said to Fay Wray as he teetered precariously on top of the Empire State Building, fighter planes buzzing around his head: "It's a lot easier getting to the top than staying here."





and the quickness to cover receivers downfield. Rookie Nelson Walker (Pittsburgh) leads a group of new imports who will battle for Ford's spot, but if none of the Americans can supply the answer, Rita said he's prepared to go with Canadian Keith Castello, who is entering his fourth CFL season.

The Argos' receiving corps is as good as any in the league with Ismail and Williams as the wideouts and Darryl Smith (Central State) and Canadian Paul Masotti inside. Running back Mike (Pinball) Clemons was hampered by a series of injuries last year and played the Grey Cup game with a painful turf toe medically frozen. But he's healthy and that should restore him to the stature of his MVP season of two years ago.

## WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS

Cal Murphy has turned back the clock. After five seasons in the front office as the Bombers general manager, Murphy has returned to the sidelines, appointing himself to fill the vacant head-coaching job. During his previous stint as head coach from 1983-86, Murphy compiled an impressive 44 victories, 21 losses, and one tie and guided the team to the Grey Cup in 1984. Murphy found himself hunting for a coach for the second time in as many years when Darryl Rogers, the former head coach of the Detroit Lions, resigned after just one season at the post.

Murphy, the general manager, made the job of Murphy, the coach, a lot easier when he snatched quarterback Matt Dunigan away from the archrival Toronto Argonauts. When negotiations between Dunigan and the Argos broke down, Murphy jumped in to sign the veteran to a three-year pact believed to be worth \$400,000 per season, the most the Bombers have ever paid a player. Dunigan's arrival adds the main ingredient Murphy needed to restore the Blue Bombers to the level which took them to the Grey Cup title in 1990. Last year, the team dropped to 9-9 and a second-place finish and was ousted by the Argos in the Eastern final. The dropoff in performance also brought about—or could have been the result of—turmoil in the dressing room as some players charged the club with prejudice towards blacks and others complained about everything from dressing-room toilet conditions to poor meals on the road.

Linebacker Tyrone Jones (Southern), who was the most vociferous among the dissidents, got his wish when he was traded in the offseason. But it was to Saskatchewan and not to an Eastern Division team as he had hoped. Jones's departure still leaves the Bombers with a strong linebacking corps, led by Greg Battle (Arizona State), who was named the CFL's outstanding defensive player for the second straight year; James West (Texas Southern), and Paul Randolph (Tennessee Martin). Holdover Elfrid Payton (Grambling) will battle a group of newcomers, in-

cluding Craig Callahan (Holy Cross), Brian Johnson (Mesa College), and Kellan Matthews (Sacramento State), for Jones's old spot.

Besides restoring harmony in the locker room, the biggest task facing Murphy will be to add some punch to the Bombers' attack. "We've got to get better on offense," he said. "We've been bringing up the rear of the league in that department the last couple of seasons." After the woeful Ticats, the Bombers scored the fewest points last season—an average of just 28.5 per game.

Dunigan's arrival signaled the departure of Tom Burgess (Colgate), who just two years earlier was the hero of the Bombers' Grey Cup triumph. That left John Fourcade (Mississippi), who had a moment in the limelight with the New Orleans Saints in 1990, Danny McManus (Florida State), and Sammy Garza (Texas-El Paso) to battle for the backup job.

Murphy is intent on giving his quarterback a strong supporting cast. With that in mind he recruited a number of receivers, including Tom Owen (Eastern Washington), Bobby Slaughter (Louisiana Tech), Tim Stallworth (Washington State), and Frank Pillow (Tennessee State) to battle veteran holdovers Larry Willis (Fresno State), Perry Tuttle (Clemson), and Eric Streater (North Carolina). Even running back Robert Mimbs (Kansas), the league's leading rusher the past two seasons, isn't safe. Veteran Tim Jessie (Auburn) is still on hand, along with rookies Wayne Williams (Florida), Mike Richardson (Louisiana Tech), and John Harvey (Texas-El Paso).

Place-kicker Trevor Kennerd won't be around for the first time in 13 seasons as he has lost his job to Troy Westwood (Augustana), but Bob Cameron, another 13-year veteran, will continue to do the punting.

## OTTAWA ROUGH RIDERS

They eventually decided to stick with the Rough Riders monicker, but new father-and-son owners Bernard and Lonie Gliberman looked into a change in the team's nickname after buying the embattled franchise late last season. And while Beavers, in honor of Canada's national symbol, came under serious consideration, the Glibermans might have considered the Phoenix. After all, the Riders have risen from the ashes of mismanagement to play again.

Two weeks into the 1991 season, the six-man board which ran the Riders resigned en masse after they were unable to come to a consensus on the operation of the club. With no immediate buyer available, the league was forced to take over the franchise, a decision that made commissioner Don Crump the temporary president of the club and wound up costing the league more than \$2 million. To compound the problem, the team got off on a four-game losing streak, forcing Crump to fire head coach and director of football operations Steve Goldman and bring in former Sas-

katchewan and Edmonton field boss Joe Faragalli, who was in semi-retirement. The team responded immediately to Faragalli and won four straight, eventually finishing 7-7 under the man affectionately known as Papa Joe.

Finding a buyer, however, was another matter. It wasn't until the final week of the regular season that the Glibermans, wealthy developers from the Detroit area, stepped forward to buy the club. With popular general manager Jo-Anne Polak deciding to step down, the Gliberman's hired Dan Rambo, former personnel director with Saskatchewan, to fill that vacancy and gave him the titles of vice president and director of football operations. Rambo decided against rehiring Faragalli and eventually opted for former B.C. and Edmonton assistant Ron Smeltzer as coach.

Rambo wasted no time in tackling the team's inflated payroll, releasing high-priced veterans Jim Roper, Scott Fligel, and Bryan Illerbrun. He also requested several other veterans already under contract to take pay cuts as he set out to reduce the payroll by \$800,000. The pay-reduction effort cost Rambo quarterback Damon Allen (Cal State-Fullerton), whose \$225,000 pact made him one of the top-paid players in the league. When negotiations finally reached a stalemate, Allen, who joined the Riders from Edmonton three years ago, signed with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. That left former Pittsburgh Steeler and Atlanta Falcon Scott Campbell and Terrence Jones (Tulane), who has never been a starter in the league, to battle for the No. 1 job.

The biggest recruiting task facing Rambo was to find receivers to upgrade a unit that didn't place anyone among the league's top 20. Stephen Jones (Central Michigan), who missed a good portion of the season with injuries, and Canadian Jock Climie are expected to be the wideouts, but the slotback spots are up for grabs.

With Illerbrun and Roper gone and the chance that Rob Smith and Kari Yli-Renko might balk at pay reductions, the offensive line could also be a large problem for Smeltzer as he enters his rookie year as a head coach.

Defense is the Riders' strength, and with an excess of solid linebackers led by Greg Stumon (Southern Arkansas), Brian Bonner (Minnesota), Angelo Snipes (West Georgia), and Patrick Wayne (Simon Fraser) at his disposal, Smeltzer will switch to a 30 alignment.

John Kropke (Illinois State) re-signed after becoming a free agent, but Loyd Lewis (Texas A&I) was stalling on taking a cut. His departure would leave a large gap in the line. The secondary with Anthony Drawhorn (UNLV), Ken Haley (San Francisco State), Charles Gordon (Eastern Michigan), and Tracy Gravely (Concord), along with the still unsigned Dan Hunter (Henderson State) and Charles Wright (Tulsa), is strong.



## HAMILTON TIGER-CATS

A reluctant owner, dwindling crowds, and a dilapidated stadium. The once mighty Tiger-Cats have fallen on hard times. In fact, they have become the main headache for new commissioner Larry Smith.

David Braley, who purchased the team three years ago from the late Harold Ballard of hockey's Toronto Maple Leafs fame, spent the winter desperately trying to unload the team after claiming to have incurred losses in excess of \$5 million. But Braley's asking price of \$3 million to anyone willing to keep the team in Hamilton and another \$2 million if the team is moved after the 1992 season didn't bring a host of prospective buyers to his front door. A consortium of civic-minded businessmen did spend the early part of the year attempting to swing a deal, but Braley's asking price was simply too rich for them.

Coach John Gregory was undoubtedly wishing secretly that the ownership situation would be solved sooner than later so that he and general manager Joe Zuger could get down to the task of filling the obvious holes in the Ticat roster. Not knowing who would be signing the checks or even how much could be spent on new players was obviously keeping Gregory and Zuger from entering the chase for free agents and name players from U.S. colleges.

The Ticats' most pressing need was to improve their offensive production. They were the lowest-scoring team in the league last year, with 400 points, 116 fewer than the next team. "That improvement has to come through structure as well as from improved play," said Gregory, who admitted any improvement had to start with better performances from the quarterback. Those hopes received a large boost when the Ticats were able to sign free agent quarterback Damon Allen, who had failed to reach a new accord with Ottawa. Todd Dillon (Long Beach State) and Don McPherson (Syracuse) will compete for the backup role. Unsigned veteran Mike Kerrigan (Northwestern) will likely move on.

Gregory, who replaced David Beckman midway through the season, will also use his first Ticat training camp to get a solid look at his running backs: Herman Heard (Southern Colorado), the former Kansas City Chief; Ricky Martin (Middle Tennessee); Derrick McAdoo (Baylor), and Jamie Morris (Michigan) as well as newcomer Brian Brown (UCLA).

Veteran Canadian slotback Rocky DiPietro, the league's all-time pass-reception leader, finally retired after 14 seasons, all with the Ticats. That left Gregory with the choice of going to another import at that spot or staying with a homebrew. Earl Winfield (North Carolina) was the club's top receiver last year and the emergence of Canadian Nick Mazzoli (Simon Fraser), who joined the team after an unsuccessful tryout with the Seattle Seahawks, gives the Ticats two swift targets. Veteran

Tony Champion (Tennessee-Martin) could find himself getting strong competition from Ricardo Cartwright (Florida A&M), Steve Brown (Wake Forest), Marvin Logan (Nevada-Reno), Scott Walker (Lenoir Rhyne), and Canadian Richard Nurse (Canisius).

The Ticats were much better defensively, but unless Bobby Dawson (Illinois) and Gary Wilkerson (Penn State), who became free agents, are re-signed, the secondary could become a trouble spot. Romel Andrews (Tennessee-Martin), David Bailey (Oklahoma State), and Michael Campbell (Auburn) anchor a strong line. Peter Giftopoulos (Penn State), a Canadian, is solid at linebacker.

## WESTERN DIVISION

### CALGARY STAMPEDERS

New Stampeders owner Larry Ryckman is gambling that quarterback Doug Flutie will do for his team what Raghib (Rocket) Ismail did for the Toronto Argonauts last year. In fact, he's betting \$4 million on it. That's how much Ryckman will pay the former Heisman Trophy winner and NFL quarterback over the next four years to pitch footballs in Calgary instead of Vancouver.

Ryckman, who bought the team last October and thus ended the 50-year history of the Calgary franchise as a community-owned club, went after Flutie with an open checkbook after the diminutive quarterback announced he wouldn't re-sign with the Lions. While he may have been a little overexuberant when he described Flutie as "the Wayne Gretzky of football" (What does that make Mark Rypien?), Ryckman is generally being applauded for at least being willing to spend money to make money. That's a departure from the old-time, spend-as-little-as-possible thinking in the CFL—a theory that chased fans away in droves.

Even before Flutie became available, Ryckman had made up his mind that he had to bring in a marquee player to put the Stamps on the road to financial stability. He set his sights on '91 Heisman Trophy winner Desmond Howard of Michigan, but when Flutie, who set several CFL passing records last season with the Lions, became available, Ryckman switched targets. Ryckman's energetic, go-for-broke approach did, however, cost him the services of respected general manager Norm Kwong. Concerned that he wasn't being consulted on such matters as pursuing Howard or Flutie, Kwong, a CFL Hall of Famer, resigned in March, severing an association with the league that dated back to 1948, when he was a rookie fullback with his hometown Stampeders. Head coach Wally Buono added the GM position to his portfolio.

The acquisition of Flutie also ended quarterback Danny Barrett's tenure as a Stampeder.

Barrett (Cincinnati), who might have challenged Flutie for MVP honors last fall had he not suffered a broken thumb, was dealt to the Lions after considerable dickering in a trade that involved guard Rocco Romano, draft pick Jamie Crysedale (Cincinnati), money, and the rights to the proposed exhibition game in Portland, Oregon against the Toronto Argonauts. Steve Taylor (Nebraska) is the No. 2 quarterback, and the Stamps were negotiating with Jeff Blake (East Carolina) to come in and challenge for the third job.

While the Stampeders came within three plays of possibly upsetting the Argos in the Grey Cup game, it was evident that age was catching up to the club at several positions. With that in mind, Buono persuaded offensive tackle Lloyd Fairbanks (BYU) and linebacker Marshall Toner to retire and waived guard Leo Blanchard. As well the futures of running backs Derrick Crawford (Memphis State), who broke an ankle last year, and Keyvan Jenkins (UNLV) along with defensive back Ron Hopkins (Murray State) were clearly in doubt.

Kevin Simien, who replaced Crawford, and Jenkins will likely battle it out for the starting running-back spot. Fairbanks's spot is open for Bruce Covernton (Weber State), the No. 1 overall pick in this year's CFL draft, to take. Larry Clarkson (Montana), who was picked up on waivers from B.C. late last season, has a chance to regain his form in new surroundings and could be Blanchard's replacement. Karl Anthony (Southwest Missouri State) is a threat to take a job away from veteran defensive back Ron Hopkins (Murray State).

### EDMONTON ESKIMOS

After 11 years in the broadcast booth, it wasn't surprising that it took Ron Lancaster the entire 1991 season to brush away the cobwebs that had accumulated on his coaching techniques. Now with that reacquaintance year behind him and a better grip on the hows and whys of coaching in the '90s, both Lancaster, the former Hall of Fame quarterback with the Saskatchewan Roughriders, and the Eskimos should reap the benefits this term.

To begin with, Lancaster and quarterback Tracy Ham (Georgia Southern) should be operating on the same wavelength. Most Eskimo observers believed they were tuned into different frequencies at times last season, although Lancaster denies the allegation. As well, the three main cogs of the coaching staff—Lancaster, offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick, and defensive coordinator Rich Stubler—have had a full season and the winter together to work out their game plan.

"No doubt the year under our belts will help," said Lancaster. "I didn't say a whole lot last year. I sort of stood back to see just how much the game had changed."

Despite whatever first-year jitters Lancaster and his staff may have felt last season, the

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# Canada

Eskimos still managed to finish on top of the Western Division. But then they watched in horror as their Grey Cup aspirations evaporated in the final seconds of the division final when Calgary's Pee Wee Smith beat cornerback Roy Bennett (Jackson State) to haul in the touchdown which sent the Stampeders to the championship game.

The main task facing Lancaster this season will be finding a plug to fill the huge hole created at one inside linebacker spot with the retirement of perennial all-star Dan Bass (Michigan State). A 12-year CFL veteran, Bass was all-CFL six times and was named the league's outstanding defensive player in 1989. The Eskimos, who have been in the playoffs for 20 consecutive seasons, prepared for Bass's departure by bringing in Dwayne Odom (California) late last year. But Lancaster has decided to switch veteran Canadian Larry Wruck inside and allow Odom to play on the outside.

The Eskimos will also have to find a replacement for running back Reggie Taylor, who was released after refusing to take a salary cut. Taylor badmouthed Lancaster on his departure, but the coach wisely refused to get into a mudslinging war and, in fact, said he'd welcome the three-year veteran back if he couldn't find work elsewhere and was willing to accept the club's terms. It wouldn't be surprising if Lancaster replaced Taylor with a Canadian running back to team with hard-running Canadian fullback Blake Marshall.

Lancaster would like to get speedy punt and kickoff returner Henry (Gizmo) Williams (East Carolina) on the field more often and will give him an opportunity to win a wide-receiver spot. Veteran Jim Sandusky (San Diego State) will be the other wideout, while Craig Ellis (San Diego State) and Chris Armstrong (Fayetteville State) handle the slotback chores.

Defensively, Brett Williams (Austin Peay) was looking at NFL options after becoming a free agent, but he could be back. Outside linebacker Willie Pless (Kansas) picks up the leadership role that Bass held for so long.

Bennett was released, leaving Doug Parrish (San Francisco State) to battle Damien Lyons (UCLA) for one corner while Eddie Thomas (San Jose) handles the other side.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA LIONS

Danny Barrett (Cincinnati) was arguably the second-best quarterback in the CFL last season, behind Doug Flutie (Boston College). So when he was finally able to swing a deal with the Calgary Stampeders to acquire Barrett as the replacement for Flutie, Lions head coach and director of football operations Bob O'Billovich undoubtedly breathed a sigh of relief.

Losing Flutie was a devastating blow to O'Billovich's plans to bring the Grey Cup back to the west coast. Flutie jumped to the Stamps after he felt he'd been slighted by the Lions shoot-from-the-mouth owner Murray Pezim, who ridiculed suggestions by the quarter-

back's agent Bob Woolf that the former Chicago Bears' and New England Patriots' quarterback might take another shot at the NFL.

Before he finally swung the deal for Barrett, which cost him starting guard Rocco Romano, O'Billovich was looking at Tony Kimbrough (Western Michigan), who backed up Damon Allen in Ottawa before joining B.C. last season, as his No. 1 quarterback with Canadian Giulio Caravatta (Simon Fraser) No. 2.

Barrett, as solid a quarterback as he's become, has one drawback that even his best on-field effort might not enable him to overcome. That is, he doesn't possess the magnetism of Flutie to draw fans to B.C. Place Stadium. That, however, could change if Barrett can lead the Lions to a successful season. Even with Flutie flinging footballs in record-setting fashion last season, the Lions finished third in the West and were quickly eliminated in the playoffs by Calgary.

Barrett gives O'Billovich the front-line passer he needs to complement one of the most talented receiving corps in the league. Ray Alexander (Florida A&M) and Matt Clark (Montana) ranked 2-3 in receiving, behind Calgary's Allen Pitts last year. Alexander had 104 catches for 1,605 yards and Clark 79 for 1,530 yards. Added to that twosome were Darren Flutie (Boston College), Doug's brother, who picked up 860 yards in only 10 games, Mike Trevathan (Montana), and Canadian Jay Christensen.

The Lions are set at running back after they unearthed a rare gem last year in 5-foot-7 Jon Volpe (Stanford), who beat out Ismail for Rookie of the Year honors after gaining 1,395 yards and scoring 16 touchdowns.

O'Billovich must upgrade his defense, which had the third-worst points-against total last season. He's looking for a stronger performance from Stewart Hill (Washington), whom the Lions lured away from Edmonton last year. Once viewed as the league's top rush end, Hill managed only eight sacks last season.

The emergence of O.J. Brigance (Rice) and the late-season acquisition of Bruce Holmes (Minnesota) along with the maturation of Canadians Paul Wetmore and Doug Hocking give the Lions some strength at linebacker. It's the secondary that causes O'Billovich most of the concern. "With all the offense in this league, you have to have a strong secondary," he said. The possible loss of cornerback Norm Jefferson (Louisiana State) to the NFL could further add to O'Billovich's woes, but he's also contemplating using an import at the rover spot to improve the pass coverage.

Lui Passaglia returns for his 17th year to handle the punting and place-kicking chores. But at age 38, he's turned the kickoff duties over to Caravatta.

## SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS

Before he became a head honcho, Don Matthews had concentrated his coaching talents

on the defensive side of the ball. So it goes without saying that he'll be targeting the Roughrider defense for a major overhaul this season after it set a CFL record for most points surrendered (710) last year.

Matthews' renovation project could affect several veterans, such as 31-year-old defensive back Richie Hall (Colorado State) and 32-year-old linebacker Eddie Lowe (Alabama). Canadian nose tackles Wayne Drinkwater (North Dakota) and Glenn Scrivener (Simon Fraser) could also be in trouble if Matthews decides to go with an import at that spot. Initial indications were that the former B.C. Lions and Toronto Argonaut head coach, who replaced John Gregory as the Riders coach midway through last season after spending the spring in the World League, will go with two Canadians on defense. It appeared that linebacker Dan Rashovich (Simon Fraser) and rover Glen Suitor (Simon Fraser) would be the two homebrews.

One new, old face who could help the Rider defense is the much-traveled, much-troubled linebacker Tank Landry, who is an outstanding player. Landry, who had a stint with the New Orleans Saints before coming to Canada five years ago, missed last season after being convicted of assaulting his common-law wife and spending three months in a Regina jail. Bobby Jurasin (Northern Michigan) will again anchor the defensive line, while 38-year-old Roger Aldag returns for his 17th season on the offensive line.

Newcomers seeking jobs on defense include linemen Marlin Williams (Western Illinois) and backs George Wynn (Georgia), Zephryni Lee (Southern Cal), and Tyreese Herds (Kansas State).

Offensively, Matthews has stabilized his quarterbacking situation by picking up Warren Jones (Hawaii) in a draft-day trade with the Edmonton Eskimos. Jones will back up veteran starter Kent Austin (Mississippi), whose injury in the opening game of the '91 season was a major factor in the team's 1-6 start, which led to the firing of John Gregory and the hiring of Matthews. The Riders must also get slotback Ray Elgaard (Utah), a 10-year veteran and the team's all-time leading receiver, who played out his option, back into the fold. Teamed with fellow slotback Jeff Fairholm (Arizona), wideout Don Narcisse (Texas Southern), and running back Lucius Floyd, an excellent receiver out of the backfield, Elgaard gives Austin a solid set of targets. Willis Jacox (North Dakota), who finished second to Rocket Ismail in all-purpose yardage, with 2,779, will be restricted to special-teams duties this season.

The club's all-time scoring leader, place-kicker Dave Ridgway (Toledo), will be back to add to his ever-rising totals, but punter Mike Lazecki could be in trouble if fifth-round draft pick Klaus Wilmsmeyer (Louisville) shows he can do a better job. □



# NFC STATISTICS

## RECORDS

Points: 176, Paul Hornung, Green Bay (1960)  
Touchdowns: 24, John Riggins, Washington (1983)  
Field goals: 35, Ali Haji-Sheikh, New York (1983)  
Extra points: 62, Mark Moseley, Washington (1983)

## SCORING

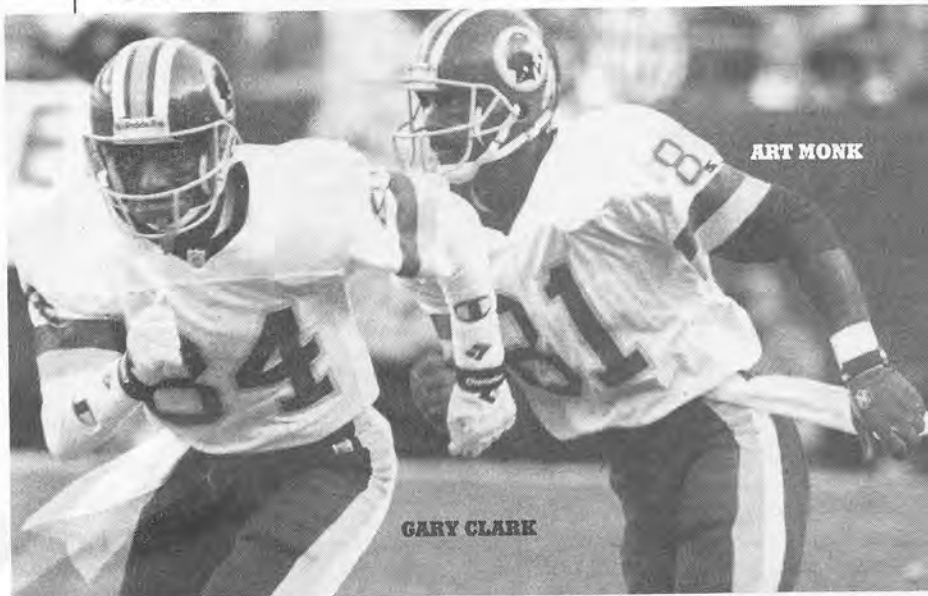
	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	SAF	POINTS
Washington.....	56	21	30	5	56	56	31	43	0	485
San Francisco.....	50	19	29	2	49	50	14	28	1	393
Atlanta.....	42	6	30	6	40	42	21	26	3	361
Dallas.....	37	15	16	6	37	37	27	39	1	342
New Orleans.....	38	15	20	3	38	38	25	32	0	341
Detroit.....	40	19	16	5	40	40	19	28	1	339
Minnesota.....	36	18	16	2	34	36	17	24	0	301
Chicago.....	35	18	16	1	32	34	19	29	0	299
Philadelphia.....	29	8	17	4	27	29	28	33	0	285
N.Y. Giants.....	30	16	13	1	29	30	24	31	0	281
Green Bay.....	31	12	17	2	31	31	18	24	1	273
L.A. Rams.....	26	11	13	2	25	26	17	17	1	234
Tampa Bay.....	22	9	13	0	22	22	15	20	0	199
Phoenix.....	19	6	10	3	19	19	21	30	0	196

## KICKERS

	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Lohmiller, Chip, Wash.....	56	56	31	43	149
Willis, Ken, Dall.....	37	37	27	39	118
Andersen, Morten, N.O.....	38	38	25	32	113
Ruzek, Roger, Phil.....	27	29	28	33	111
Murray, Eddie, Det.....	40	40	19	28	97
Johnson, Norm, Atl.....	38	39	19	23	95
Cofer, Mike, S.F.....	49	50	14	28	91
Bahr, Matt, Giants.....	24	25	22	29	90
Butler, Kevin, Chi.....	32	34	19	29	89
Jacke, Chris, G.B.....	31	31	18	24	85
Revez, Fuad, Minn.....	34	35	17	24	85
Davis, Greg, Phoe.....	19	19	21	30	82
Zendejas, Tony, Rams.....	25	26	17	17	76
Christie, Steve, T.B.....	22	22	15	20	67
Daluio, Brad, Atl.....	2	2	2	3	8

## NON-KICKERS

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
Sanders, Barry, Det.....	17	16	1	0	102
Rice, Jerry, S.F.....	14	0	14	0	84
Smith, Emmitt, Dall.....	13	12	1	0	78
Rison, Andre, Atl.....	12	0	12	0	72
Haynes, Michael, Atl.....	11	0	11	0	66
Riggs, Gerald, Wash.....	11	11	0	0	66
Workman, Vince, G.B.....	11	7	4	0	66
Clark, Gary, Wash.....	10	0	10	0	60
Delpino, Robert, Rams.....	10	9	1	0	60
Hampton, Rodney, Giants.....	10	10	0	0	60
Walker, Herschel, Minn.....	10	10	0	0	60
Anderson, Neal, Chi.....	9	6	3	0	54
Taylor, John, S.F.....	9	0	9	0	54
Irvin, Michael, Dall.....	8	0	8	0	48
Monk, Art, Wash.....	8	0	8	0	48

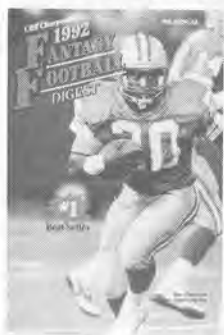


Turner, Floyd, N.O.....	8	0	8	0	48
Cobb, Reggie, T.B.....	7	7	0	0	42
Green, Willie, Det.....	7	0	7	0	42
Muster, Brad, Chi.....	7	6	1	0	42
Sydney, Harry, S.F.....	7	5	2	0	42
Carter, Anthony, Minn.....	6	1	5	0	36
Clark, Robert, Det.....	6	0	6	0	36
Davis, Wendell, Chi.....	6	0	6	0	36
Johnson, Johnny, Phoe.....	6	4	2	0	36
Rathman, Tom, S.F.....	6	6	0	0	36
Sanders, Ricky, Wash.....	6	1	5	0	36
Broussard, Steve, Atl.....	5	4	1	0	30
Byner, Earnest, Wash.....	5	5	0	0	30
Carter, Cris, Minn.....	5	0	5	0	30
Fenerty, Gill, N.O.....	5	3	2	0	30
Heyward, Craig, N.O.....	5	4	1	0	30
Hilliard, Dalton, N.O.....	5	4	1	0	30
Jackson, Keith, Phil.....	5	0	5	0	30
Meggett, Dave, Giants.....	5	1	3	1	30
Baker, Stephen, Giants.....	4	0	4	0	24
Barnett, Fred, Phil.....	4	0	4	0	24
Byars, Keith, Phil.....	4	1	3	0	24
Carter, Dexter, S.F.....	4	2	1	1	24
Dawsey, Lawrence, T.B.....	4	1	3	0	24
Erwins, Ricky, Wash.....	4	3	1	0	24
Jones, Ernie, Phoe.....	4	0	4	0	24
Martin, Eric, N.O.....	4	0	4	0	24
Novacek, Jay, Dall.....	4	0	4	0	24
Orr, Terry, Wash.....	4	0	4	0	24
Sharpe, Sterling, G.B.....	4	0	4	0	24
Young, Steve, S.F.....	4	4	0	0	24
Allen, Terry, Minn.....	3	2	1	0	18
Ellard, Henry, Rams.....	3	0	3	0	18
Green, Mark, Chi.....	3	3	0	0	18
Harris, Jackie, G.B.....	3	0	3	0	18
Ingram, Mark, Giants.....	3	0	3	0	18
Jordan, Buford, N.O.....	3	2	1	0	18
Joseph, James, Phil.....	3	3	0	0	18
Waddle, Tom, Chi.....	3	0	3	0	18
West, Ed, G.B.....	3	0	3	0	18
Williams, Calvin, Phil.....	3	0	3	0	18
Anderson, Jesse, T.B.....	2	0	2	0	12
Carrier, Mark, T.B.....	2	0	2	0	12
Carter, Pat, Rams.....	2	0	2	0	12
Cross, Howard, Giants.....	2	0	2	0	12
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Early, Quinn, N.O.....	2	0	2	0	12
Gannon, Rich, Minn.....	2	2	0	0	12
Harbaugh, Jim, Chi.....	2	2	0	0	12
Henderson, Keith, S.F.....	2	2	0	0	12
Hill, Bruce, T.B.....	2	0	2	0	12
Horton, Ray, Dall.....	2	0	0	2	12
Hosteller, Jeff, Giants.....	2	2	0	0	12
Johnson, Damone, Rams.....	2	0	2	0	12
Johnson, Jimmie, Wash.....	2	0	2	0	12
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Jones, Mike, Minn.....	2	0	2	0	12
Jordan, Steve, Minn.....	2	0	2	0	12
Joyner, Seth, Phil.....	2	0	0	2	12
Kemp, Perry, G.B.....	2	0	2	0	12
Majkowski, Don, G.B.....	2	2	0	0	12
McAfee, Fred, N.O.....	2	2	0	0	12
Mitchell, Brian, Wash.....	2	0	0	2	12
Morgan, Anthony, Chi.....	2	0	2	0	12
Nelson, Darrin, Minn.....	2	2	0	0	12
Peete, Rodney, Det.....	2	2	0	0	12
Price, Jim, Rams.....	2	0	2	0	12
Pritchard, Mike, Atl.....	2	0	2	0	12
Proehl, Ricky, Phoe.....	2	0	2	0	12
Sanders, Deion, Atl.....	2	0	0	2	12

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Sherrard, Mike, S.F. ....	2	0	2	0	12
Thomas, George, Atl. ....	2	0	2	0	12
Wilson, Charles, G.B. ....	2	0	1	1	12
Wilson, Robert, T.B. ....	2	0	2	0	12
Agee, Tommie, Dall. ....	1	1	0	0	6
Aikman, Troy, Dall. ....	1	1	0	0	6
Anderson, Alfred, Minn. ....	1	1	0	0	6
Anderson, Gary, T.B. ....	1	1	0	0	6
Anderson, Ottis, Giants ....	1	1	0	0	6
Anderson, Willie, Rams ....	1	0	1	0	6
Bailey, Johnny, Chi. ....	1	1	0	0	6
Barnett, Oliver, Atl. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Blake, Ricky, Dall. ....	1	1	0	0	6
Carroll, Wesley, N.O. ....	1	0	1	0	6
Chaffey, Pat, Atl. ....	1	1	0	0	6



Collins, Andre, Wash. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Crockett, Ray, Det. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Dixon, Floyd, Atl. ....	1	0	1	0	6
Dupree, Marcus, Rams ....	1	1	0	0	6
Edwards, Dixon, Dall. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Farr, Mike, Del. ....	1	0	1	0	6
Fishback, Joe, Atl. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Gary, Cleveland, Rams ....	1	1	0	0	6
Gray, Jerry, Rams ....	1	0	0	1	6
Gray, Mel, Del. ....	1	0	0	1	6
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Harper, Alvin, Dall. ....	1	0	1	0	6
Hayworth, Tracy, Det. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Hill, Eric, Phoe. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Hill, Randal, Phoe. ....	1	0	1	0	6
Johnston, Daryl, Dall. ....	1	0	1	0	6
Jones, Hassan, Minn. ....	1	0	1	0	6
Kramer, Erik, Det. ....	1	1	0	0	6
Lynch, Lorenzo, Phoe. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Marshall, Wilber, Wash. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Martin, Kelvin, Dall. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Maxie, Brett, N.O. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Mayhew, Martin, Wash. ....	1	0	0	1	6
McMahon, Jim, Phil. ....	1	1	0	0	6
Merriweather, Mike, Minn. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Mowatt, Zeke, Giants ....	1	0	1	0	6
Newman, Anthony, Rams ....	1	0	0	1	6
Noble, Brian, G.B. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Pegram, Eric, Atl. ....	1	1	0	0	6
Perriman, Brett, Det. ....	1	0	1	0	6
Roberts, Alfredo, Dall. ....	1	0	1	0	6
Rutland, Reggie, Minn. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Rypien, Mark, Wash. ....	1	1	0	0	6
Saddler, Rod, Phoe. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Sanders, Thomas, Phil. ....	1	1	0	0	6
Simmons, Clyde, Phil. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Simms, Phil, Giants ....	1	1	0	0	6
Smith, Otis, Phil. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Stinson, Lemuel, Chi. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Swilling, Pat, N.O. ....	1	0	0	1	6
Thompson, Anthony, Phoe. ....	1	1	0	0	6
Thompson, Darrell, G.B. ....	1	1	0	0	6
Thompson, Ernie, Rams ....	1	0	1	0	6
Thornton, James, Chi. ....	1	0	1	0	6
Tillman, Lewis, Giants ....	1	1	0	0	6

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## RECORDS

Completions: 353, Don Majkowski, Green Bay (1989)

Touchdowns: 36, Y.A. Tittle, New York (1963)

Yards: 4,614, Neil Lomax, St. Louis (1984)

Longest for TD: 99 yards, Frank Filchock to Andy Farkas, Washington (1939)

99 yards, George Izo to Bobby Mitchell, Washington (1963)

99 yards, Karl Sweetan to Pat Studstill, Detroit (1966)

99 yards, Sonny Jurgensen to Gerry Allen, Washington (1968)

99 yards, Ron Jaworski to Mike Quick, Philadelphia (1985)

## PASSING

	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	PCT TD	LONG	INT	PCT INT	SACK	YDS LOST	RATING
Young, Steve, S.F.	279	180	64.5	2517	9.02	17	6.1	197	8	2.9	13	79	101.8
Rypien, Mark, Wash.	421	249	59.1	3564	8.47	28	6.7	182	11	2.6	7	59	97.9
Bono, Steve, S.F.	237	141	59.5	1617	6.82	11	4.6	78	4	1.7	11	91	88.5
Aikman, Troy, Dall.	363	237	65.3	2754	7.59	11	3.0	61	10	2.8	32	224	86.7
Hostetler, Jeff, Giants	285	179	62.8	2032	7.13	5	1.8	55	4	1.4	20	100	84.1
Gannon, Rich, Minn.	354	211	59.6	2166	6.12	12	3.4	50	6	1.7	19	91	81.5
Miller, Chris, Atl.	413	220	53.3	3103	7.51	26	6.3	180	18	4.4	23	145	80.6
McMahon, Jim, Phil.	311	187	60.1	2239	7.20	12	3.9	175	11	3.5	21	128	80.3
Walsh, Steve, N.O.	255	141	55.3	1638	6.42	11	4.3	41	6	2.4	3	26	79.5
Hebert, Bobby, N.O.	248	149	60.1	1676	6.76	9	3.6	165	8	3.2	16	134	79.0
Harbaugh, Jim, Chi.	478	275	57.5	3121	6.53	15	3.1	184	16	3.3	24	163	73.7
Tomczak, Mike, G.B.	238	128	53.8	1490	6.26	11	4.6	175	9	3.8	13	105	72.6
Kramer, Erik, Det.	265	136	51.3	1635	6.17	11	4.2	173	8	3.0	14	74	71.8
Everett, Jim, Rams	490	277	56.5	3438	7.02	11	2.2	78	20	4.1	30	200	68.9
Tupa, Tom, Phoe.	315	165	52.4	2053	6.52	6	1.9	162	13	4.1	24	197	62.0
Majkowski, Don, G.B.	226	115	50.9	1362	6.03	3	1.3	39	8	3.5	30	152	59.3
Testaverde, Vinny, T.B.	326	166	50.9	1994	6.12	8	2.5	187	15	4.6	35	234	59.0
Kemp, Jeff, Sea-Phil.	295	151	51.2	1753	5.94	9	3.1	57	17	5.8	20	99	55.7

## NON-QUALIFIERS (10 or more attempts)

Rutledge, Jeff, Wash.	22	11	50.0	189	8.59	1	4.5	140	0	0.0	2	20	94.7
Willis, Peter Tom, Chi.	18	11	61.1	171	9.50	1	5.6	42	1	5.6	2	9	88.0
Simms, Phil, Giants	141	82	58.2	993	7.04	8	5.7	38	4	2.8	14	79	87.0
Pagel, Mike, Rams	27	11	40.7	150	5.56	2	7.4	30	0	0.0	0	0	83.9
Kiel, Blair, G.B.	50	29	58.0	361	7.22	3	6.0	35	2	4.0	2	13	83.8
Beuerlein, Steve, Dall.	137	68	49.6	909	6.64	5	3.6	166	2	1.5	6	49	77.2
Tolliver, Billy Joe, Atl.	82	40	48.8	531	6.48	4	4.9	175	2	2.4	7	29	75.8
Peele, Rodney, Det.	194	116	59.8	1339	6.90	5	2.6	168	9	4.6	11	42	69.9
Wilson, Wade, Minn.	122	72	59.0	825	6.76	3	2.5	146	10	8.2	8	42	53.5
Chandler, Chris, T.B.-Phoe.	154	78	50.6	846	5.49	5	3.2	145	10	6.5	17	134	50.9
Gelbaugh, Stan, Phoe.	118	61	51.7	674	5.71	3	2.5	134	10	8.5	10	94	42.1
Carlson, Jeff, T.B.	65	31	47.7	404	6.22	1	1.5	36	6	9.2	11	73	34.4
Goebel, Brad, Phil.	56	30	53.6	267	4.77	0	0.0	26	6	10.7	6	37	27.0
Ryan, Pat, Phi.	26	10	38.5	98	3.77	0	0.0	32	4	15.4	4	21	10.3

## RECORDS

Number: 114, Bob Parsons, Chicago (1981)

Average: 51.4 yards, Sammy Baugh, Washington (1940)

Longest: 94 yards, Joe Linzenich, Chicago (1931)

## PUNTING

	NO	YARDS	LONG	AVG	TB	BLK	OPP RET	RET YDS	IN 20	NET AVG
Newsome, Harry, Minn.	68	3095	65	45.5	10	0	42	426	17	36.3
Camarillo, Rich, Phoe.	76	3445	60	45.3	7	1	48	313	19	38.9
Barnhardt, Tommy, N.O.	86	3743	61	43.5	10	1	50	470	20	35.3
Landeta, Sean, Giants	64	2768	61	43.3	8	0	35	350	16	35.3
Fulhage, Scott, Atl.	81	3470	60	42.8	6	0	45	387	21	36.6
Saxon, Mike, Dall.	57	2426	64	42.6	5	0	28	231	16	36.8
Feagles, Jeff, Phil.	87	3640	77	41.8	11	1	42	431	29	34.0
Arnold, Jim, Det.	75	3092	63	41.2	5	0	35	340	27	35.4
Bulford, Maury, Chi.	69	2814	64	40.8	8	1	28	205	13	35.0
McJulien, Paul, G.B.	86	3473	62	40.4	7	0	35	375	22	34.4
Royals, Mark, T.B.	84	3389	56	40.3	6	0	49	559	22	32.3
Goodburn, Kelly, Wash.	52	2070	61	39.8	3	3	31	190	16	33.1
Prokop, Joe, S.F.	40	1541	58	38.5	1	0	21	138	8	34.6
Hatcher, Dale, Rams	63	2403	52	38.1	5	0	29	231	16	32.9

## NON-QUALIFIERS

Mojsiejenko, Ralf, S.F.	16	656	55	41.0	4	0	9	101	0	29.7
Helton, Barry, Rams	11	453	46	41.2	2	1	4	61	2	29.3
Johnson, Norm, Atl.	1	21	21	21.0	0	0	0	0	1	21.0

Leader based on average, minimum 40 punts

Tippins, Kenny, <i>Atl.</i>	1	0	0	1	6	Williams, Willie, <i>Phoe.</i>	1	0	1	0	6
Tomczak, Mike, <i>G.B.</i>	1	1	0	0	6	Woodside, Keith, <i>G.B.</i>	1	1	0	0	6
Tuggle, Jessie, <i>Atl.</i>	1	0	0	1	6	Wright, Alexander, <i>Dall.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Tupa, Tom, <i>Phoe.</i>	1	1	0	0	6	Jordan, Brian, <i>Atl.</i>	0	0	0	0	*4
Turner, Vernon, <i>Rams</i>	1	0	1	0	6	Ball, Jerry, <i>Det.</i>	0	0	0	0	*2
Warren, Frank, <i>N.O.</i>	1	0	0	1	6	Greene, Kevin, <i>Rams</i>	0	0	0	0	*2
White, Sheldon, <i>Det.</i>	1	0	0	1	6	Hendrix, Manuel, <i>Dall.</i>	0	0	0	0	*2
White, William, <i>Det.</i>	1	0	0	1	6	Jordan, Darin, <i>S.F.</i>	0	0	0	0	*2
Wilkins, Gary, <i>Atl.</i>	1	0	1	0	6	Paup, Bryce, <i>G.B.</i>	0	0	0	0	*2
Williams, Jamie, <i>S.F.</i>	1	0	1	0	6						
Williams, Robert, <i>Dall.</i>	1	0	0	1	6						

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### RUSHING

#### RECORDS

Carries: 407, James Wilder, Tampa Bay (1984)  
Yards: 2,105, Eric Dickerson, Los Angeles (1984)  
TDs: 24, John Riggins, Washington (1983)

	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Minnesota.....	464	2201	4.7	171	18
N.Y. Giants.....	487	2064	4.2	147	16
Washington.....	540	2049	3.8	165	21
Chicago.....	502	1949	3.9	142	18
Detroit.....	454	1930	4.3	169	19
San Francisco.....	440	1861	4.2	153	19
Dallas.....	433	1711	4.0	175	15
New Orleans.....	483	1709	3.5	165	15
Atlanta.....	410	1664	4.1	36	6
Tampa Bay.....	371	1429	3.9	164	9
Philadelphia.....	446	1396	3.1	28	8
Green Bay.....	381	1389	3.6	48	12
Phoenix.....	391	1295	3.3	22	6
L.A. Rams.....	388	1285	3.3	36	11

1 or more yards	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Smith, Emmitt, Dall.....	365	1563	4.3	175	12
Sanders, Barry, Det.....	342	1548	4.5	169	16
Hampton, Rodney, Giants.....	256	1059	4.1	44	10
Byner, Earnest, Wash.....	274	1048	3.8	32	5
Walker, Herschel, Minn.....	198	825	4.2	171	10
Cobb, Reggie, T.B.....	196	752	3.8	159	7
Anderson, Neal, Chi.....	210	747	3.6	142	6
Delpino, Robert, Rams.....	214	688	3.2	36	9
Ervin, Rickey, Wash.....	145	680	4.7	165	3
Johnson, Johnny, Phoe.....	196	666	3.4	21	4
Allen, Terry, Minn.....	120	563	4.7	155	2
Henderson, Keith, S.F.....	137	561	4.1	25	2
McAfee, Fred, N.O.....	109	494	4.5	34	2
Fenerty, Gill, N.O.....	139	477	3.4	54	3
Thompson, Darrell, G.B.....	141	471	3.3	140	1
Broussard, Steve, Atl.....	99	449	4.5	36	4
Joseph, James, Phil.....	135	440	3.3	24	3
Young, Steve, S.F.....	66	415	6.3	21	4
Muster, Brad, Chi.....	90	412	4.6	24	6
Byars, Keith, Phil.....	94	383	4.1	28	1
Carter, Dexter, S.F.....	85	379	4.5	153	2
Thompson, Anthony, Phoe.....	126	376	3.0	22	1
Rozier, Mike, Atl.....	96	361	3.8	19	0
Pegram, Eric, Atl.....	101	349	3.5	34	1
Harbaugh, Jim, Chi.....	70	338	4.8	20	2
Woodside, Keith, G.B.....	84	326	3.9	29	1
Tillman, Lewis, Giants.....	65	287	4.4	17	1
Sherman, Heath, Phil.....	106	279	2.6	12	0
Hosteller, Jeff, Giants.....	42	273	6.5	147	2
Anderson, Gary, T.B.....	72	263	3.7	164	1
Heyward, Craig, N.O.....	76	260	3.4	15	4
Hilliard, Dalton, N.O.....	79	252	3.2	165	4
Riggs, Gerald, Wash.....	78	248	3.2	32	11
Gary, Cleveland, Rams.....	68	245	3.6	14	1
Sydney, Harry, S.F.....	57	245	4.3	32	5
Workman, Vince, G.B.....	71	237	3.3	130	7
Gannon, Rich, Minn.....	43	236	5.5	42	2
Miller, Chris, Atl.....	32	229	7.2	20	0
Green, Mark, Chi.....	61	217	3.6	18	3
Nelson, Darrin, Minn.....	28	210	7.5	29	2
Rathman, Tom, S.F.....	63	183	2.9	16	6
Dupree, Marcus, Rams.....	49	179	3.7	24	1
Kemp, Jeff, Sea-Phil.....	38	179	4.7	18	0
Wilson, Robert, T.B.....	42	179	4.3	20	0
Meggett, Dave, Giants.....	29	153	5.3	130	1
Jordan, Buford, N.O.....	47	150	3.2	25	2
Anderson, Otis, Giants.....	53	141	2.7	9	1
Chaffey, Pat, Atl.....	29	127	4.4	27	1
Jones, Keith, Atl.....	35	126	3.6	14	0
Peete, Rodney, Det.....	25	125	5.0	26	2
Sanders, Thomas, Phil.....	54	122	2.3	16	1
Anderson, Alfred, Minn.....	26	118	4.5	19	1
Carter, Anthony, Minn.....	13	117	9.0	32	1
Chandler, Chris, T.B.-Phoe.....	26	111	4.3	12	0
Carthon, Maurice, Giants.....	32	109	3.4	10	0
Majkowski, Don, G.B.....	25	108	4.3	15	2
Testaverde, Vinny, T.B.....	32	101	3.2	19	0
Rice, Allen, G.B.....	30	100	3.3	21	0
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Tupa, Tom, Phoe.....	28	97	3.5	17	1

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Blake, Ricky, Dall.	15	80	5.3	130	1
Rouse, James, Chi.	27	74	2.7	10	0
McGee, Buford, Rams	19	65	3.4	9	0
Overton, Don, Del.	14	59	4.2	9	0
Gentry, Dennis, Chi.	9	58	6.4	17	0
Hebert, Bobby, N.O.	18	56	3.1	16	0
Jackson, Cedric, Del.	17	55	3.2	10	0
McMahon, Jim, Phil.	22	55	2.5	12	1
Johnston, Daryl, Dall.	17	54	3.2	10	0
Dozier, D.J., Del.	9	48	5.3	29	0
Sanders, Ricky, Wash.	7	47	6.7	17	1
Bono, Steve, S.F.	17	46	2.7	18	0
Kiel, Blair, G.B.	4	46	11.5	26	0
Centers, Larry, Phoe.	14	44	3.1	8	0
Everett, Jim, Rams	27	44	1.6	10	0
Turner, Vernon, Rams	7	44	6.3	11	0
Bailey, Johnny, Chi.	15	43	2.9	11	1
Arnold, Jim, Del.	2	42	21.0	21	0
Simms, Phil, Giants	9	42	4.7	19	1
Tillman, Spencer, S.F.	13	40	3.1	8	0
Lewis, Darren, Chi.	15	36	2.4	9	0
Wilson, Wade, Minn.	13	33	2.5	15	0
Drummond, Robert, Phil.	12	27	2.3	7	2
Johnson, Tracy, Atl.	8	26	3.3	6	0
Kramer, Erik, Del.	35	26	0.7	12	1
Carlson, Jeff, T.B.	5	25	5.0	11	0
Jones, Ernie, Phoe.	5	24	4.8	9	0
Gelbaugh, Stan, Phoe.	9	23	2.6	13	0
Highsmith, Alonzo, T.B.	5	21	4.2	10	0
Proehl, Ricky, Phoe.	3	21	7.0	17	0
Agee, Tommie, Dall.	9	20	2.2	8	1
Monk, Art, Wash.	9	19	2.1	14	0
Jackson, Kenny, Phil.	1	18	18.0	18	0
Morgan, Anthony, Chi.	3	18	6.0	13	0
Mitchell, Brian, Wash.	3	14	4.7	8	0
Early, Quinn, N.O.	3	13	4.3	6	0
Brown, Ron, Rams	2	11	5.5	11	0
Gray, Mel, Del.	2	11	5.5	6	0
Perriman, Brett, Del.	4	10	2.5	6	0
Dawsey, Lawrence, T.B.	1	9	9.0	19	1
Thompson, Ernie, Rams	2	9	4.5	9	0
Flagler, Terrence, Phoe.	1	7	7.0	7	0
Morse, Bobby, N.O.	3	7	2.3	8	0
Rypien, Mark, Wash.	15	6	0.4	11	1
Tolliver, Billy Joe, Atl.	9	6	0.7	7	0
Ware, Andre, Del.	4	6	1.5	10	0
Willis, Peter Tom, Chi.	2	6	3.0	8	0
Aikman, Troy, Dall.	16	5	0.3	9	1
Kupp, Craig, Phoe.	1	5	5.0	5	0
Richards, Curvin, Dall.	2	4	2.0	3	0
Sharpe, Sterling, G.B.	4	4	1.0	12	0
Wilson, Charles, G.B.	3	3	1.0	5	0
Goebel, Brad, Phil.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Rice, Jerry, S.F.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Harris, Jackie, G.B.	1	1	1.0	1	0

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Carter, Cris, Minn.	72	962	13.4	50	5
Monk, Art, Wash.	71	1049	14.8	164	8
Clark, Gary, Wash.	70	1340	19.1	182	10
Sharpe, Sterling, G.B.	69	961	13.9	158	4
Martin, Eric, N.O.	66	803	12.2	30	4
Ellard, Henry, Rams	64	1052	16.4	38	3
Taylor, John, S.F.	64	1011	15.8	197	9
Turner, Floyd, N.O.	64	927	14.5	165	8
Barnett, Fred, Phil.	62	948	15.3	175	4
Byars, Keith, Phil.	62	564	9.1	37	3
Jones, Ernie, Phoe.	61	957	15.7	53	4
Davis, Wendell, Chi.	61	945	15.5	175	6
Novacek, Jay, Dall.	59	664	11.3	49	4
Jordan, Steve, Minn.	57	638	11.2	25	2
Dawsey, Lawrence, T.B.	55	818	14.9	165	3

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Delpino, Robert, <i>Rams</i> .....	55	617	11.2	78	1
Waddle, Tom, <i>Chi</i> .....	55	599	10.9	137	3
Perriman, Brett, <i>Det</i> .....	52	668	12.8	42	1
Ingram, Mark, <i>Giants</i> .....	51	824	16.2	41	3
Carter, Anthony, <i>Minn</i> .....	51	553	10.8	146	5
Haynes, Michael, <i>Atl</i> .....	50	1122	22.4	180	11
Pritchard, Mike, <i>Atl</i> .....	50	624	12.5	29	2
Meggett, Dave, <i>Giants</i> .....	50	412	8.2	22	3
Smith, Emmitt, <i>Dall</i> .....	49	258	5.3	14	1
Jackson, Keith, <i>Phil</i> .....	48	569	11.9	173	5
Carrier, Mark, <i>T.B.</i> .....	47	698	14.9	35	2
Clark, Robert, <i>Det</i> .....	47	640	13.6	168	6
Anderson, Neal, <i>Chi</i> .....	47	368	7.8	126	3
Workman, Vince, <i>G.B.</i> .....	46	371	8.1	25	4
Sanders, Ricky, <i>Wash</i> .....	45	580	12.9	45	5
Hill, Randal, <i>Phoe</i> .....	43	495	11.5	131	1
Hampton, Rodney, <i>Giants</i> .....	43	283	6.6	19	0
Kemp, Perry, <i>G.B.</i> .....	42	583	13.9	39	2
Farr, Mike, <i>Det</i> .....	42	431	10.3	134	1
Sanders, Barry, <i>Det</i> .....	41	307	7.5	34	1
Green, Willie, <i>Det</i> .....	39	592	15.2	173	7
Price, Jim, <i>Rams</i> .....	35	410	11.7	27	2
Muster, Brad, <i>Chi</i> .....	35	287	8.2	21	0
Byner, Earnest, <i>Wash</i> .....	34	308	9.1	31	0
Rathman, Tom, <i>S.F.</i> .....	34	286	8.4	32	0
Williams, Calvin, <i>Phil</i> .....	33	326	9.9	30	3
Walker, Herschel, <i>Minn</i> .....	33	204	6.2	19	0
Early, Quinn, <i>N.O.</i> .....	32	541	16.9	52	2
Anderson, Willie, <i>Rams</i> .....	32	530	16.6	54	1
Jones, Hassan, <i>Minn</i> .....	32	384	12.0	43	1
Johnson, Damone, <i>Rams</i> .....	32	253	7.9	27	2
Hall, Ron, <i>T.B.</i> .....	31	284	9.2	24	0
Baker, Stephen, <i>Giants</i> .....	30	525	17.5	52	4
Henderson, Keith, <i>S.F.</i> .....	30	303	10.1	23	0
Green, Roy, <i>Phil</i> .....	29	364	12.6	42	0
Johnson, Johnny, <i>Phoe</i> .....	29	225	7.8	151	2
Thomas, George, <i>Atl</i> .....	28	365	13.0	37	2
Johnston, Daryl, <i>Dall</i> .....	28	244	8.7	22	1
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Carter, Dexter, <i>S.F.</i> .....	23	253	11.0	26	1
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Turner, Odessa, <i>Giants</i> .....	21	356	17.0	55	0
Hilliard, Dalton, <i>N.O.</i> .....	21	127	6.0	114	1
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Hill, Bruce, <i>T.B.</i> .....	17	185	10.9	18	2
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Ervin, Ricky, <i>Wash</i> .....	16	181	11.3	28	1
Brenner, Hoby, <i>N.O.</i> .....	16	179	11.2	21	0
Gentry, Dennis, <i>Chi</i> .....	16	149	9.3	18	0
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Wright, Alexander, <i>Dall</i> .....	10	170	17.0	53	0



Joseph, James, Phil.....	10	64	6.4	13	0
Morris, Ron, Chi.....	8	147	18.4	33	0
Jennings, Keith, Chi.....	8	109	13.6	19	0
Jackson, John, Phoe.....	8	108	13.5	30	0
Flagler, Terrence, Phoe.....	8	85	10.6	17	0
Carter, Pat, Rams.....	8	69	8.6	118	2
Sanders, Thomas, Phil.....	8	62	7.8	14	0
Reeves, Walter, Phoe.....	8	45	5.6	13	0
Query, Jeff, G.B.....	7	94	13.4	26	0
Thompson, Darrell, G.B.....	7	71	10.1	18	0
Affholter, Erik, G.B.....	7	68	9.7	20	0
Thompson, Anthony, Phoe.....	7	52	7.4	14	0
Agee, Tommie, Dall.....	7	43	6.1	9	0
Carthon, Maurice, Giants.....	7	39	5.6	9	0
Shuler, Mickey, Phil.....	6	91	15.2	21	0
Anderson, Jesse, T.B.....	6	73	12.2	34	2
Phillips, Jason, Atl.....	6	73	12.2	24	0
Johnson, Maurice, Phil.....	6	70	11.7	131	2
Jones, Keith, Atl.....	6	58	9.7	15	0
Green, Mark, Chi.....	6	54	9.0	15	0
Allen, Terry, Minn.....	6	49	8.2	21	1
Dupree, Marcus, Rams.....	6	46	7.7	21	0
Mowatt, Zeke, Giants.....	5	78	15.6	33	1
Awalt, Robert, Dall.....	5	57	11.4	20	0
Warren, Don, Wash.....	5	51	10.2	17	0
Tillman, Lewis, Giants.....	5	30	6.0	12	0
Thomas, Ed, T.B.....	4	55	13.8	19	0
Anthony, Terry, T.B.....	4	51	12.8	14	0
Beach, Sanjay, S.F.....	4	43	10.8	20	0
Tennell, Derek, Det.....	4	43	10.8	18	0
Overton, Don, Det.....	4	38	9.5	14	0
Lewis, Leo, Minn.....	4	36	9.0	11	0
Heyward, Craig, N.O.....	4	34	8.5	122	1
Jackson, Kenny, Phil.....	4	29	7.3	9	0
Novoselsky, Brent, Minn.....	4	27	6.8	8	0
Brown, Ron, Rams.....	3	52	17.3	21	0
Gray, Mel, Det.....	3	42	14.0	31	0
Turner, Vernon, Rams.....	3	41	13.7	119	1
Collins, Shawn, Atl.....	3	37	12.3	21	0
Boso, Cap, Chi.....	3	36	12.0	22	0
Newman, Pat, N.O.....	3	33	11.0	14	0
Johnson, Tracy, Atl.....	3	27	9.0	13	0
Middleton, Ron, Wash.....	3	25	8.3	11	0
Hobbs, Stephen, Wash.....	3	24	8.0	10	0
Scales, Greg, N.O.....	3	23	7.7	14	0
Wilkins, Gary, Atl.....	3	22	7.3	12	1
Matthews, Aubrey, Det.....	3	21	7.0	11	0
Johnson, Jimmie, Wash.....	3	7	2.3	14	2
Campbell, Jeff, Det.....	2	49	24.5	28	0
Thompson, Ernie, Rams.....	2	35	17.5	22	1
Harris, Rod, Phil.....	2	28	14.0	22	0
Walls, Wesley, S.F.....	2	24	12.0	21	0
Kozlowski, Glen, Chi.....	2	16	8.0	11	0
Rozier, Mike, Atl.....	2	15	7.5	9	0
Fenney, Rick, Minn.....	2	11	5.5	8	0
Rice, Allen, G.B.....	2	10	5.0	7	0
Bunch, Jarrod, Giants.....	2	8	4.0	6	0
Jones, Mike, Minn.....	2	8	4.0	15	2
Tillman, Spencer, S.F.....	2	3	1.5	3	0

## INTERCEPTIONS

### RECORDS

Number: 14, Dick Lane, Los Angeles (1952)

Yards: 301, Don Doll, Detroit (1949)

Longest return: 102 yards,

Bob Smith, Detroit (1949)

Erich Barnes, New York (1961)

TDs: 3, Dick Lynch, New York (1963)

3, Herb Adderley, Green Bay (1965)

3, Monte Jackson, Los Angeles (1976)

3, Rod Perry, Los Angeles (1976)

3, Ronnie Lott, San Francisco (1981)

3, Wayne Haddix, Tampa Bay (1990)

2 or more	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Crockett, Ray, Det.....	6	141	23.5	196	1
Sanders, Deion, Atl.....	6	119	19.8	155	1
Williams, Aeneas, Phoe.....	6	60	10.0	32	0
McKyer, Tim, Atl.....	6	24	4.0	24	0
Atkins, Gene, N.O.....	5	198	39.6	79	0
Browner, Joey, Minn.....	5	97	19.4	45	0
Marshall, Wilber, Wash.....	5	75	15.0	154	1
Green, Darrell, Wash.....	5	47	9.4	24	0
McDonald, Tim, Phoe.....	5	36	7.2	13	0

Hopkins, Wes, Phil.....	5	26	5.2	14	0
Allen, Eric, Phil.....	5	20	4.0	8	0
Buck, Vince, N.O.....	5	12	2.4	12	0
Collins, Mark, Giants.....	4	77	19.3	41	0
Waymer, Dave, S.F.....	4	77	19.3	42	0
Stinson, Lemuel, Chi.....	4	69	17.3	134	1
Edwards, Brad, Wash.....	4	52	13.0	27	0
Glenn, Vencio, N.O.....	4	35	8.8	18	0
Taylor, Terry, Det.....	4	26	6.5	23	0
Walls, Everson, Giants.....	4	7	1.8	5	0
McMillian, Audrey, Minn.....	4	5	1.3	3	0
Holt, Issiac, Dall.....	4	2	0.5	2	0
Rutland, Reggie, Minn.....	3	104	34.7	197	1
Gray, Jerry, Rams.....	3	83	27.7	159	1
Cecil, Chuck, G.B.....	3	76	25.3	32	0
Jones, Reggie, N.O.....	3	61	20.3	51	0
Lynch, Lorenzo, Phoe.....	3	59	19.7	135	1
Cook, Toi, N.O.....	3	54	18.0	22	0
Jamison, George, Det.....	3	52	17.3	19	0
Joyner, Seth, Phil.....	3	41	13.7	41	0
Maxie, Brett, N.O.....	3	33	11.0	131	1
Mayhew, Martin, Wash.....	3	31	10.3	131	1
Miano, Rich, Phil.....	3	30	10.0	18	0
Murphy, Mark, G.B.....	3	27	9.0	16	0
Henley, Darryl, Rams.....	3	22	7.3	22	0
Covington, Tony, T.B.....	3	21	7.0	18	0
Paul, Markus, Chi.....	3	21	7.0	10	0
Butler, LeRoy, G.B.....	3	6	2.0	6	0
Smith, Otis, Phil.....	2	74	37.0	174	1
Carrier, Mark, Chi.....	2	54	27.0	39	0
Evans, Byron, Phil.....	2	46	23.0	31	0
Clark, Vinnie, G.B.....	2	42	21.0	22	0
Tate, David, Chi.....	2	35	17.5	28	0
White, William, Det.....	2	35	17.5	28	0
Collins, Andre, Wash.....	2	33	16.5	18	1
Brown, Larry, Dall.....	2	31	15.5	20	0
Case, Scott, Atl.....	2	23	11.5	17	0
Woodford, Donnell, Chi.....	2	21	10.5	16	0
Lewis, Kevin, S.F.....	2	20	10.0	20	0
Fullington, Darrell, T.B.....	2	13	6.5	10	0
Mills, Sam, N.O.....	2	13	6.5	8	0
Washington, James, Dall.....	2	9	4.5	9	0
Stewart, Michael, Rams.....	2	8	4.0	8	0
Reynolds, Ricky, T.B.....	2	7	3.5	7	0
Smith, Ben, Phil.....	2	6	3.0	6	0
Johnson, Pepper, Giants.....	2	5	2.5	5	0
Johnson, Sidney, Wash.....	2	5	2.5	5	0
Jordan, Brian, Atl.....	2	3	1.5	3	0
Wright, Felix, Minn.....	2	3	1.5	3	0

## PUNT RETURNS

### RECORDS

Number: 70, Danny Reece, Tampa Bay (1979)

Yards: 646, Eddie Brown, Washington (1976)

Longest for TD: 98 yards,

Gill Lefebvre, Cincinnati (1933)

Charlie West, Minnesota (1968)

Dennis Morgan, Dallas (1974)

	NO	FC	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Gary, Mel, Det.....	25	14	385	15.4	178	1
Mitchell, Brian, Wash.....	45	21	600	13.3	169	2
Martin, Kelvin, Dall.....	21	8	244	11.6	185	1
Meggett, Dave, Giants.....	28	9	287	10.3	170	1
Drewrey, Willie, T.B.....	38	15	360	9.5	33	0
Sikahema, Vai, G.B.....	26	4	239	9.2	62	0
Turner, Vernon, Rams.....	23	4	201	8.7	29	0
Taylor, John, S.F.....	31	14	267	8.6	24	0
Buck, Vince, N.O.....	31	13	260	8.4	52	0
Sanders, Deion, Atl.....	21	9	170	8.1	23	0
Jackson, John, Phoe.....	31	3	244	7.9	19	0
Harris, Rod, Phil.....	53	9	416	7.8	40	0
Bailey, Johnny, Chi.....	36	11	281	7.8	37	0
Lewis, Leo, Minn.....	30	15	225	7.5	44	0

### NON-QUALIFIERS (2 or more)

Query, Jeff, G.B.....	14	3	157	11.2	28	0
Jordan, Brian, Atl.....	14	9	116	8.3	13	0
Henley, Darryl, Rams.....	13	4	110	8.5	16	0
Fenerty, Gill, N.O.....	12	6	55	4.6	13	0
Beach, Sanjay, S.F.....	10	0	53	5.3	15	0
Ingram, Mark, Giants.....	8	1	49	6.1	13	0
Shepard, Derrick, Dall.....	6	3	57	9.5	14	0
Waddle, Tom, Chi.....	5	3	31	6.2	11	0

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Centers, Larry, <i>Phoe</i> .....	5	2	30	6.0	12	0
Proehl, Ricky, <i>Phoe</i> .....	4	0	26	6.5	14	0
Morgan, Anthony, <i>Chi</i> .....	3	0	19	6.3	11	0
Green, Mark, <i>Chi</i> .....	3	1	9	3.0	8	0

## KICKOFF RETURNS

### RECORDS

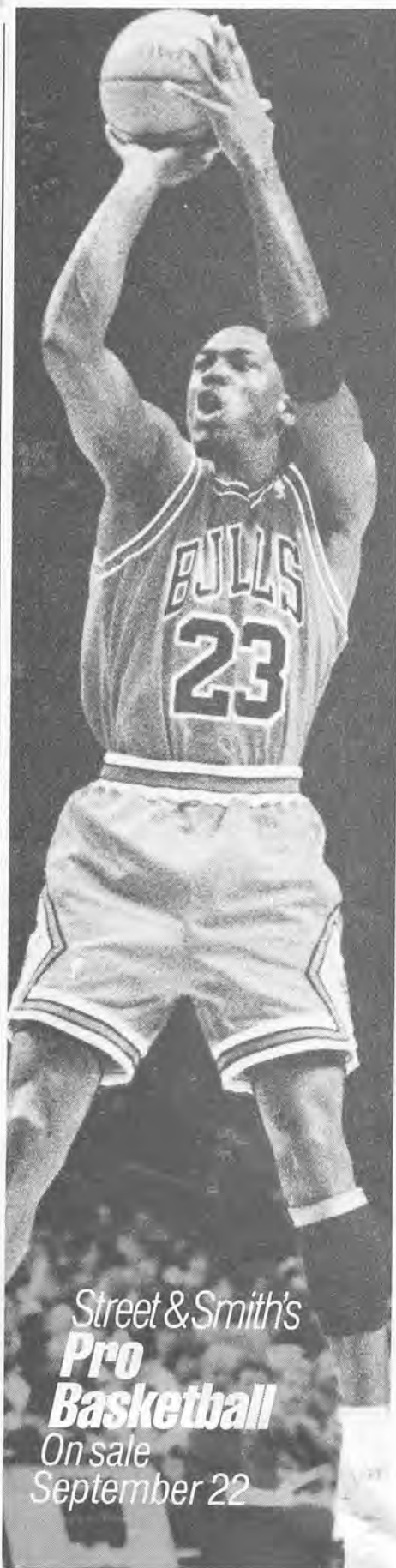
Numbers: 60, Drew Hill, Los Angeles (1981)  
Yards: 1,345, Buster Rhymes, Minnesota (1985)  
Longest: 106 yards,  
Al Carmichael, Green Bay (1956)  
Roy Green, St. Louis (1979)  
TDs: 4, Travis Williams, Green Bay (1967)  
4, Cecil Turner, Chicago (1970)

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Gray, Mel, <i>Det</i> .....	36	929	25.8	71	0
Wright, Alexander, <i>Dall</i> .....	21	514	24.5	1102	1
Wilson, Charles, <i>G.B.</i> .....	23	522	22.7	182	1
Carter, Dexter, <i>S.F.</i> .....	37	839	22.7	198	1
Sanders, Deion, <i>Atl</i> .....	26	576	22.2	1100	1
Nelson, Darrin, <i>Minn</i> .....	31	682	22.0	50	0
Meggett, Dave, <i>Giants</i> .....	25	514	20.6	42	0
Mitchell, Brian, <i>Wash</i> .....	29	583	20.1	35	0
Turner, Vernon, <i>Rams</i> .....	24	457	19.0	36	0
Anderson, Gary, <i>T.B.</i> .....	34	643	18.9	39	0
Atkins, Gene, <i>N.O.</i> .....	20	368	18.4	27	0
Harris, Rod, <i>Phil</i> .....	28	473	16.9	33	0

### NON-QUALIFIERS (2 or more)

Dixon, James, <i>Dall</i> .....	18	398	22.1	39	0
Centers, Larry, <i>Phoe</i> .....	16	330	20.6	39	0
Bailey, Johnny, <i>Chi</i> .....	116	311	19.4	31	0
Pegram, Eric, <i>Atl</i> .....	16	260	16.3	30	0
Sikahema, Vai, <i>G.B.</i> .....	15	325	21.7	35	0
Edwards, Anthony, <i>Phoe</i> .....	13	261	20.1	36	0
Gentry, Dennis, <i>Chi</i> .....	13	227	17.5	27	0
Brown, Ron, <i>Rams</i> .....	12	256	21.3	39	0
Drewrey, Willie, <i>T.B.</i> .....	12	246	20.5	43	0
Jennings, Stanford, <i>N.O.</i> .....	12	213	17.8	24	0
Flagler, Terrence, <i>Phoe</i> .....	12	208	17.3	32	0
Lang, David, <i>Rams</i> .....	12	194	16.2	34	0
Ervin, Ricky, <i>Wash</i> .....	11	232	21.1	46	0
Hampton, Rodney, <i>Giants</i> .....	10	204	20.4	51	0
Sanders, Thomas, <i>Phil</i> .....	10	160	16.0	31	0
Early, Quinn, <i>N.O.</i> .....	9	168	18.7	34	0
Hill, Randal, <i>Mia-Phoe</i> .....	9	146	16.2	33	0
Tillman, Spencer, <i>S.F.</i> .....	9	132	14.7	27	0
Campbell, Jeff, <i>Det</i> .....	9	85	9.4	18	0
Workman, Vince, <i>G.B.</i> .....	8	139	17.4	26	0
Morgan, Anthony, <i>Chi</i> .....	8	133	16.6	29	0
Ingram, Mark, <i>Giants</i> .....	8	125	15.6	25	0
Hardy, Robert, <i>T.B.</i> .....	8	119	14.9	26	0
Thompson, Darrell, <i>G.B.</i> .....	7	127	18.1	30	0
Gant, Kenneth, <i>Dall</i> .....	6	114	19.0	26	0
Jordan, Brian, <i>Atl</i> .....	5	100	20.0	29	0
Eilers, Pat, <i>Minn</i> .....	5	99	19.8	26	0
Johnson, Joe, <i>Wash</i> .....	15	83	16.6	25	0
Walker, Herschel, <i>Minn</i> .....	5	83	16.6	21	0
Green, Roy, <i>Phil</i> .....	5	70	14.0	21	0
Overton, Don, <i>Det</i> .....	4	71	17.8	23	0
Green, Mark, <i>Chi</i> .....	4	69	17.3	29	0
Sherman, Heath, <i>Phil</i> .....	4	61	15.3	20	0
Dozier, D.J., <i>Det</i> .....	4	60	15.0	38	0
Delpino, Robert, <i>Rams</i> .....	4	54	13.5	19	0
Morse, Bobby, <i>N.O.</i> .....	3	60	20.0	21	0
Shepard, Derrick, <i>Dall</i> .....	3	54	18.0	21	0
Martin, Kelvin, <i>Dall</i> .....	3	47	15.7	25	0
Rice, Allen, <i>G.B.</i> .....	3	36	12.0	15	0
Smith, Joey, <i>Giants</i> .....	3	34	11.3	18	0
McDonald, Mike, <i>Rams</i> .....	3	32	10.7	16	0
Fishback, Joe, <i>Atl</i> .....	3	29	9.7	19	0
Gouveia, Kurt, <i>Wash</i> .....	3	12	4.0	9	0
Raye, Jimmy, <i>Rams</i> .....	2	57	28.5	48	0
Jackson, John, <i>Phoe</i> .....	2	41	20.5	21	0
Webb, Chuck, <i>G.B.</i> .....	2	40	20.0	23	0
Beach, Sanjay, <i>S.F.</i> .....	2	37	18.5	23	0
Tillman, Lewis, <i>Giants</i> .....	2	29	14.5	19	0
Fenerty, Gill, <i>N.O.</i> .....	2	28	14.0	14	0
Wilson, Robert, <i>T.B.</i> .....	2	19	9.5	11	0
Jordan, Buford, <i>N.O.</i> .....	2	18	9.0	18	0
Cobb, Reggie, <i>T.B.</i> .....	2	15	7.5	15	0
Lewis, Darren, <i>Chi</i> .....	2	13	6.5	13	0
Rouse, James, <i>Chi</i> .....	2	10	5.0	10	0

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## RECORDS

Points: 155, Gino Cappelletti, Boston (1964)

Touchdowns: 23, O.J. Simpson, Buffalo (1975)

Field goals: 34, Jim Turner, New York (1968)

34, Nick Lowery, Kansas City (1990)

Extra points: 66, Uwe von Schamann, Miami (1984)

## SCORING

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	SAF	POINTS
Buffalo.....	58	16	39	3	56	58	18	29	0	458
Houston.....	46	16	24	6	41	46	23	31	0	386
Miami.....	35	8	26	1	34	35	33	39	0	343
Kansas City.....	35	14	19	2	35	35	25	30	1	322
N.Y. Jets.....	32	17	12	3	32	32	30	43	0	314
Denver.....	32	16	13	3	31	32	27	36	0	304
L.A. Raiders.....	30	8	20	2	29	30	29	34	1	298
Cleveland.....	35	12	19	4	33	34	16	22	1	293
Pittsburgh.....	32	8	20	4	31	31	23	33	0	292
Seattle.....	29	11	15	3	27	29	25	31	0	276
San Diego.....	31	16	13	2	31	31	19	29	0	274
Cincinnati.....	27	11	14	2	27	27	24	32	1	263
New England.....	22	9	11	2	19	21	20	29	0	211
Indianapolis.....	14	3	10	1	14	14	15	26	0	143

## KICKERS

	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Stoyanovich, Pete, <i>Mia.</i> .....	28	29	31	37	121
Jaeger, Jeff, <i>Raiders</i> .....	29	30	29	34	116
Treadwell, David, <i>Den.</i> .....	31	32	27	36	112
Lowery, Nick, <i>K.C.</i> .....	35	35	25	30	110
Norwood, Scott, <i>Buff.</i> .....	56	58	18	29	110
Leahy, Pat, <i>Jets</i> .....	30	30	26	37	108
Kasay, John, <i>Sea.</i> .....	27	28	25	31	102
Anderson, Gary, <i>Pitt.</i> .....	31	31	23	33	100
Breech, Jim, <i>Cin.</i> .....	27	27	23	29	96
Carney, John, <i>S.D.</i> .....	31	31	19	29	88
Stover, Matt, <i>Clev.</i> .....	33	34	16	22	81
Howfield, Ian, <i>Hou.</i> .....	25	29	13	18	64
Biasucci, Dean, <i>Ind.</i> .....	14	14	15	26	59
Staurovsky, Jason, <i>N.E.</i> .....	10	11	13	19	49
Del Greco, Al, <i>Hou.</i> .....	16	16	10	13	46
Baumann, Charlie, <i>Mia.-N.E.</i> .....	15	16	9	12	42
Allegre, Raul, <i>Giants-Jets</i> .....	7	7	5	6	22
Aguiar, Louie, <i>Jets</i> .....	0	0	1	2	3
Johnson, Lee, <i>Cin.</i> .....	0	0	1	3	3

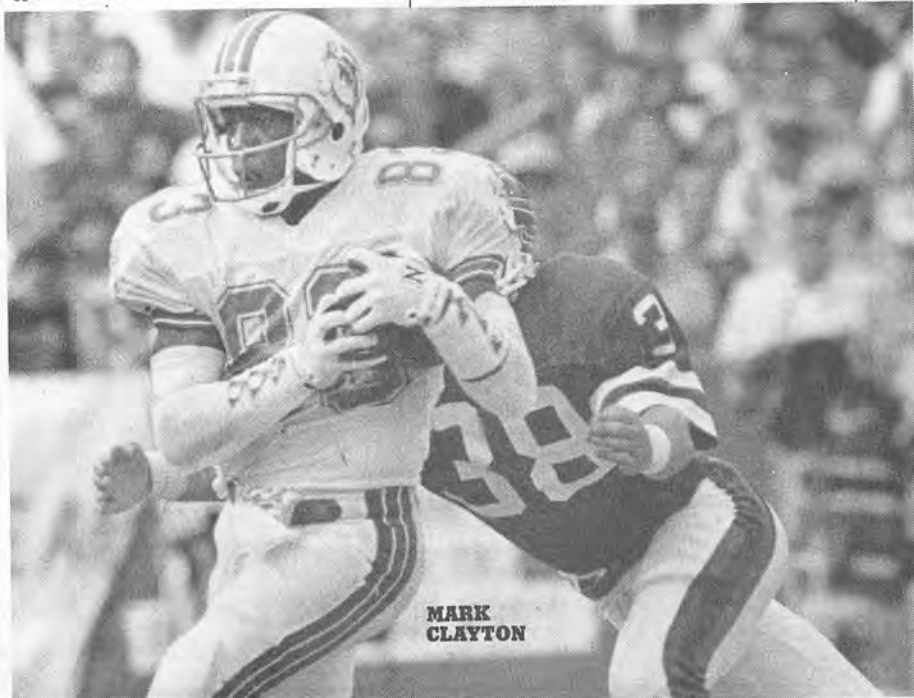
## NON-KICKERS

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
Clayton, Mark, <i>Mia.</i> .....	12	0	12	0	72
Thomas, Thurman, <i>Buff.</i> .....	12	7	5	0	72
Baxter, Brad, <i>Jets</i> .....	11	11	0	0	66
Hoard, Leroy, <i>Clev.</i> .....	11	2	9	0	66
Mack, Kevin, <i>Clev.</i> .....	10	8	2	0	60
Pinkett, Allen, <i>Hou.</i> .....	10	9	1	0	60
Reed, Andre, <i>Buff.</i> .....	10	0	10	0	60
Okoye, Christian, <i>K.C.</i> .....	9	9	0	0	54
Bernstine, Rod, <i>S.D.</i> .....	8	8	0	0	48
Lolton, James, <i>Buff.</i> .....	8	0	8	0	48
Butts, Marion, <i>S.D.</i> .....	7	6	1	0	42
Jellifres, Haywood, <i>Hou.</i> .....	7	0	7	0	42
Beebe, Don, <i>Buff.</i> .....	6	0	6	0	36
Brown, Tim, <i>Raiders</i> .....	6	0	5	1	36
Elway, John, <i>Den.</i> .....	6	6	0	0	36
Green, Eric, <i>Pitt.</i> .....	6	0	6	0	36
Barnett, Tim, <i>K.C.</i> .....	5	0	5	0	30
Burkett, Chris, <i>Jets</i> .....	5	0	4	1	30
Davis, Kenneth, <i>Buff.</i> .....	5	4	1	0	30
Duper, Mark, <i>Mia.</i> .....	5	0	5	0	30
Givins, Ernest, <i>Hou.</i> .....	5	0	5	0	30

Hester, Jessie, <i>Ind.</i> .....	5	0	5	0	30
Horton, Ethan, <i>Raiders</i> .....	5	0	5	0	30
Moore, Rob, <i>Jets</i> .....	5	0	5	0	30
Stone, Dwight, <i>Pitt.</i> .....	5	0	5	0	30
Williams, John L., <i>Sea.</i> .....	5	4	1	0	30
Brooks, Bill, <i>Ind.</i> .....	4	0	4	0	24
Brooks, James, <i>Cin.</i> .....	4	2	2	0	24
Duncan, Curtis, <i>Hou.</i> .....	4	0	4	0	24
Fenner, Derrick, <i>Sea.</i> .....	4	4	0	0	24
Gardner, Carwell, <i>Buff.</i> .....	4	4	0	0	24
Gault, Willie, <i>Raiders</i> .....	4	0	4	0	24
Green, Gaston, <i>Den.</i> .....	4	4	0	0	24
Higgs, Mark, <i>Mia.</i> .....	4	4	0	0	24

Hill, Drew, <i>Hou.</i> .....	4	0	4	0	24
Lewis, Greg, <i>Den.</i> .....	4	4	0	0	24
Lewis, Nate, <i>S.D.</i> .....	4	0	3	1	24
McGee, Tim, <i>Cin.</i> .....	4	0	4	0	24
Russell, Leonard, <i>N.E.</i> .....	4	4	0	0	24
Sewell, Steve, <i>Den.</i> .....	4	2	2	0	24
Thomas, Blair, <i>Jets</i> .....	4	3	1	0	24
Tice, Mike, <i>Sea.</i> .....	4	0	4	0	24
White, Lorenzo, <i>Hou.</i> .....	4	4	0	0	24
Williams, Warren, <i>Pitt.</i> .....	4	4	0	0	24
Woods, Ickey, <i>Cin.</i> .....	4	4	0	0	24
Word, Barry, <i>K.C.</i> .....	4	4	0	0	24
Bell, Nick, <i>Raiders</i> .....	3	3	0	0	18
Chadwick, Jeff, <i>Sea.</i> .....	3	0	3	0	18
Cook, Marv, <i>N.E.</i> .....	3	0	3	0	18
Dickerson, Eric, <i>Ind.</i> .....	3	2	1	0	18
Fryar, Irving, <i>N.E.</i> .....	3	0	3	0	18
Glover, Andrew, <i>Raiders</i> .....	3	0	3	0	18
Harry, Emile, <i>K.C.</i> .....	3	0	3	0	18
Hoge, Merrill, <i>Pitt.</i> .....	3	2	1	0	18
Johnson, Vance, <i>Den.</i> .....	3	0	3	0	18
Jones, James, <i>Sea.</i> .....	3	3	0	0	18
McEwen, Craig, <i>S.D.</i> .....	3	0	3	0	18
McKeller, Keith, <i>Buff.</i> .....	3	0	3	0	18
Miller, Anthony, <i>S.D.</i> .....	3	0	3	0	18
Slaughter, Webster, <i>Clev.</i> .....	3	0	3	0	18
Vaughn, Jon, <i>N.E.</i> .....	3	2	1	0	18
Williams, Harvey, <i>K.C.</i> .....	3	1	2	0	18
Allen, Marcus, <i>Raiders</i> .....	3	2	0	0	12
Birden, J.J., <i>K.C.</i> .....	2	0	2	0	12
Blades, Brian, <i>Sea.</i> .....	2	0	2	0	12
Brown, Eddie, <i>Cin.</i> .....	2	0	2	0	12
Clark, Louis, <i>Sea.</i> .....	2	0	2	0	12
Cooper, Adrian, <i>Pitt.</i> .....	2	0	2	0	12
Edmunds, Ferrell, <i>Mia.</i> .....	2	0	2	0	12
Edwards, Al, <i>Buff.</i> .....	2	0	1	1	12
Foster, Barry, <i>Pitt.</i> .....	2	1	1	0	12
Green, Harold, <i>Cin.</i> .....	2	2	0	0	12
Harmon, Ronnie, <i>S.D.</i> .....	2	1	1	0	12

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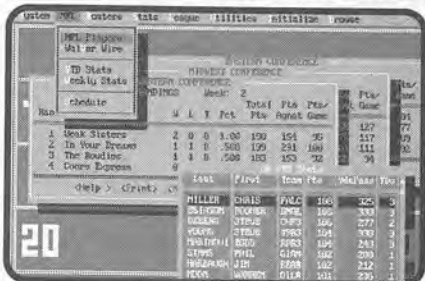


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Hayes, Jonathan, K.C.	2	0	2	0	12
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Holman, Rodney, Cin.	2	0	2	0	12
Holohan, Pete, K.C.	2	0	2	0	12
Jackson, Michael, Clev.	2	0	2	0	12
Jensen, Jim, Mia.	2	0	2	0	12
Jones, Tony, Hou.	2	0	2	0	12
Kane, Tommy, Sea.	2	0	2	0	12
Langhorne, Reggie, Clev.	2	0	2	0	12
Lipps, Louis, Pitt.	2	0	2	0	12
Martin, Tony, Mia.	2	0	2	0	12
McMillan, Erik, Jets	2	0	0	2	12
McMurtry, Greg, N.E.	2	0	2	0	12
McNeil, Freeman, Jets	2	2	0	0	12
Metzelaars, Pete, Buff.	2	0	2	0	12
Mills, Ernie, Pitt.	2	0	1	1	12
Moon, Warren, Hou.	2	2	0	0	12
Morris, Joe, Clev.	2	2	0	0	12
Nattiel, Ricky, Den.	2	0	2	0	12
Rolle, Butch, Buff.	2	0	2	0	12
Smith, Steve, Raiders	2	1	1	0	12
Stephens, John, N.E.	2	2	0	0	12
Taylor, Craig, Cin.	2	2	0	0	12
Timpson, Michael, N.E.	2	0	2	0	12
Young, Mike, Den.	2	0	2	0	12
Jones, James, Clev.	1	0	0	1	*8
Ball, Eric, Cin.	1	1	0	0	6
Banks, Fred, Mia.	1	0	1	0	6
Barber, Mike, Cin.	1	0	1	0	6
Baty, Greg, Mia.	1	0	1	0	6
Bennett, Cornelius, Buff.	1	0	0	1	6
Brandon, David, Clev.	1	0	0	1	6
Braxton, Tyrone, Den.	1	0	0	1	6
Brennan, Brian, Clev.	1	0	1	0	6
Brown, A.B., Jets	1	1	0	0	6
Brown, Gary, Hou.	1	1	0	0	6
Calloway, Chris, Pitt.	1	0	1	0	6
Cash, Keith, Pitt.	1	0	1	0	6
Childress, Freddie, N.E.	1	0	0	1	6
Coates, Ben, N.E.	1	0	1	0	6
Coleman, Patrick, Hou.	1	0	1	0	6
Craig, Roger, Raiders	1	1	0	0	6
Craver, Aaron, Mia.	1	1	0	0	6
Davis, Brian, Sea.	1	0	0	1	6
Dimry, Charles, Den.	1	0	0	1	6
Dingle, Mike, Cin.	1	0	1	0	6
Dishman, Cris, Hou.	1	0	0	1	6
Dumas, Mike, Hou.	1	0	0	1	6
Fernandez, Mervyn, Raiders	1	0	1	0	6
Frank, Donald, S.D.	1	0	0	1	6
Fulcher, David, Cin.	1	0	0	1	6
Graddy, Sam, Raiders	1	0	1	0	6
Hinkle, Bryan, Pitt.	1	0	0	1	6
Hunter, Patrick, Sea.	1	0	0	1	6
Jackson, Mark, Den.	1	0	1	0	6
James, Lynn, Cin.	1	0	1	0	6
Jefferson, Shawn, S.D.	1	0	1	0	6
Johnson, Reggie, Den.	1	0	1	0	6
Jones, Bill, K.C.	1	0	1	0	6
Kelly, Jim, Buff.	1	1	0	0	6
Kingbell, Chuck, Mia.	1	0	0	1	6
Lathon, Lamar, Hou.	1	0	0	1	6
Lewis, Darryll, Hou.	1	0	0	1	6
Manoa, Tim, Ind.	1	1	0	0	6
Marino, Dan, Mia.	1	1	0	0	6
Martin, Chris, K.C.	1	0	0	1	6
Mathis, Terance, Jets	1	0	1	0	6
Matich, Trevor, Jets	1	0	1	0	6
McCallum, Napoleon, Raiders	1	1	0	0	6
McDowell, Bubba, Hou.	1	0	0	1	6
McNair, Todd, K.C.	1	0	1	0	6
McNeal, Travis, Sea.	1	0	1	0	6
Millen, Hugh, N.E.	1	1	0	0	6
Newsome, Vince, Clev.	1	0	0	1	6
O'Donnell, Neil, Pitt.	1	1	0	0	6
Odomes, Nate, Buff.	1	0	0	1	6
Paige, Tony, Mia.	1	0	1	0	6
Patterson, Elvis, Raiders	1	0	0	1	6
Powers, Warren, Den.	1	0	0	1	6
Price, Mitchell, Cin.	1	0	0	1	6
Rembert, Reggie, Cin.	1	0	1	0	6
Russell, Derek, Den.	1	0	1	0	6
Secules, Scott, Mia.	1	1	0	0	6
Sharpe, Shannon, Den.	1	0	1	0	6



## RECORDS

Completions: 404, Warren Moon, Houston (1991)

Touchdowns: 48, Dan Marino, Miami (1984)

Yards: 5,084, Dan Marino, Miami (1984)

Longest for TD: 99 yards, Jim Plunkett to Cliff Branch, Los Angeles (1983)

	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	PCT TD	LONG	INT	PCT INT	SACK	YDS LOST	RATING
Kelly, Jim, <i>Buff.</i>	474	304	64.1	3844	8.11	33	7.0	177	17	3.6	31	227	97.6
Kosar, Bernie, <i>Clev.</i>	494	307	62.1	3487	7.06	18	3.6	171	9	1.8	41	232	87.8
Marino, Dan, <i>Mia.</i>	549	318	57.9	3970	7.23	25	4.6	54	13	2.4	27	182	85.8
Krieg, Dave, <i>Sea.</i>	285	187	65.6	2080	7.30	11	3.9	60	12	4.2	32	216	82.5
Moon, Warren, <i>Hou.</i>	655	404	61.7	4690	7.16	23	3.5	161	21	3.2	23	174	81.7
DeBerg, Steve, <i>K.C.</i>	434	256	59.0	2965	6.83	17	3.9	63	14	3.2	19	161	79.3
O'Donnell, Neil, <i>Pitt.</i>	286	156	54.5	1963	6.86	11	3.8	189	7	2.4	30	214	78.8
O'Brien, Ken, <i>Jets</i>	489	287	58.7	3300	6.75	10	2.0	53	11	2.2	33	273	76.6
Elway, John, <i>Den.</i>	451	242	53.7	3253	7.21	13	2.9	71	12	2.7	45	305	75.4
George, Jeff, <i>Ind.</i>	485	292	60.2	2910	6.00	10	2.1	149	12	2.5	56	481	73.8
Esiason, Boomer, <i>Cin.</i>	413	233	56.4	2883	6.98	13	3.1	53	16	3.9	25	190	72.5
Millen, Hugh, <i>N.E.</i>	409	246	60.1	3073	7.51	9	2.2	160	18	4.4	54	379	72.5
Schroeder, Jay, <i>Raiders</i>	357	189	52.9	2562	7.18	15	4.2	178	16	4.5	31	238	71.4
Friesz, John, <i>S.D.</i>	487	262	53.8	2896	5.95	12	2.5	58	15	3.1	32	214	67.1

## NON-QUALIFIERS (10 or more attempts)

Carlson, Cody, <i>Hou.</i>	12	7	58.3	114	9.50	1	8.3	168	0	0.0	1	9	118.1
Reich, Frank, <i>Buff.</i>	41	27	65.9	305	7.44	6	14.6	29	2	4.9	4	42	107.2
Marinovich, Todd, <i>Raiders</i>	40	23	57.5	243	6.08	3	7.5	126	0	0.0	0	0	100.3
Vlasic, Mark, <i>K.C.</i>	44	28	63.6	316	7.18	2	4.5	30	0	0.0	2	16	100.2
Secules, Scott, <i>Mia.</i>	13	8	61.5	90	6.92	1	7.7	17	1	7.7	1	6	75.8
Bristler, Bobby, <i>Pitt.</i>	190	103	54.2	1350	7.11	9	4.7	165	9	4.7	15	145	72.9
Taylor, Troy, <i>Jets</i>	10	5	50.0	76	7.60	1	10.0	51	1	10.0	0	0	69.2
Evans, Vince, <i>Raiders</i>	14	6	42.9	127	9.07	1	7.1	180	2	14.3	2	20	59.8
Wilhelm, Erik, <i>Cin.</i>	42	24	57.1	217	5.17	0	0.0	29	2	4.8	1	8	51.4
Hollas, Donald, <i>Cin.</i>	55	32	58.2	310	5.64	1	1.8	123	4	7.3	7	57	49.8
Hodson, Tom, <i>N.E.</i>	68	36	52.9	345	5.07	1	1.5	32	4	5.9	9	57	47.7
Herrmann, Mark, <i>Ind.</i>	19	11	57.9	137	7.21	0	0.0	26	3	15.8	0	0	40.8
Gagliano, Bob, <i>S.D.</i>	23	9	39.1	76	3.30	0	0.0	17	1	4.3	3	22	30.3
Stouffer, Kelly, <i>Sea.</i>	15	6	40.0	57	3.80	0	0.0	19	1	6.7	2	9	23.5

## RECORDS

Number: 105, Bob Scarpitto, Denver (1967)

Average: 46.2 yards, Dave Lewis, Cincinnati (1970)

Longest: 98 yards, Steve O'Neal, New York (1969)

	NO	YARDS	LONG	AVG	TB	BLK	OPP RET	RET YDS	IN 20	NET AVG
Roby, Reggie, <i>Mia.</i>	54	2466	64	45.7	7	1	29	324	17	36.4
Gossett, Jeff, <i>Raiders</i>	67	2961	61	44.2	2	0	41	341	26	38.5
Montgomery, Greg, <i>Hou.</i>	48	2105	60	43.9	4	2	28	183	13	36.8
Johnson, Lee, <i>Cin.</i>	64	2795	62	43.7	6	0	38	456	15	34.7
Tuten, Rick, <i>Sea.</i>	49	2106	60	43.0	3	0	29	239	8	36.9
Stark, Rohn, <i>Ind.</i>	82	3492	65	42.6	6	0	47	516	14	34.8
Hansen, Brian, <i>Clev.</i>	80	3397	65	42.5	6	0	40	388	20	36.1
Horan, Mike, <i>Den.</i>	72	3012	71	41.8	8	1	28	170	24	36.7
Stryzinski, Dan, <i>Pitt.</i>	74	2996	63	40.5	3	1	29	210	10	36.3
Barker, Bryan, <i>K.C.</i>	57	2303	57	40.4	6	0	27	190	11	35.0
Kidd, John, <i>S.D.</i>	76	3064	60	40.3	6	1	32	267	22	34.8
McCarthy, Shawn, <i>N.E.</i>	66	2650	93	40.2	3	2	26	163	17	35.7
Aguilar, Louie, <i>Jets</i>	64	2521	61	39.4	7	0	29	164	14	34.6
Mohr, Chris, <i>Buff.</i>	54	2085	58	38.6	4	0	15	53	12	36.1

## NON-QUALIFIERS

Wagner, Bryan, <i>N.E.</i>	14	548	54	39.1	0	0	11	140	0	29.1
Waits, Alex, <i>Sea.</i>	14	474	50	33.9	0	0	5	4	2	33.6
Donnelly, Rick, <i>Sea.</i>	13	505	57	38.8	1	0	6	46	1	33.8
Sullivan, Kent, <i>Hou.</i>	3	106	37	35.3	0	0	1	9	1	32.3
Stoyanovich, Pete, <i>Mia.</i>	2	85	49	42.5	0	0	1	8	1	38.5
Breech, Jim, <i>Cin.</i>	1	33	33	33.0	1	0	0	0	0	13.0
Elway, John, <i>Den.</i>	1	34	34	34.0	1	0	0	0	0	14.0

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TDs: 19, Earl Campbell, Houston (1979)

19, Chuck Muncie, San Diego (1981)

	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Buffalo	505	2381	4.7	178	16
San Diego	464	2248	4.8	163	16
Kansas City	521	2217	4.3	48	14
N.Y. Jets	523	2160	4.1	58	17
Denver	507	2015	4.0	163	16
Cincinnati	449	1811	4.0	175	11

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Pittsburgh	394	1627	4.1	156	8
New England	433	1467	3.4	24	9
Seattle	394	1426	3.6	42	11
Houston	331	1366	4.1	139	16
Cleveland	389	1360	3.5	52	12
Miami	379	1352	3.6	24	8
Indianapolis	354	1169	3.3	44	3

### 1 or more yards

	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Thomas, Thurman, Buff.	288	1407	4.9	33	7
Green, Gaston, Den.	261	1037	4.0	163	4
Okoye, Christian, K.C.	225	1031	4.6	48	9
Russell, Leonard, N.E.	266	959	3.6	24	4
Higgs, Mark, Mia.	231	905	3.9	24	4
Bulls, Marion, S.D.	193	834	4.3	44	6
Bernstine, Rod, S.D.	159	766	4.8	163	8
Williams, John L., Sea.	188	741	3.9	42	4
Green, Harold, Cin.	158	731	4.6	175	2
Thomas, Blair, Jets	189	728	3.9	25	3
Mack, Kevin, Cleve.	197	726	3.7	151	8
Pinkett, Allen, Hou.	171	720	4.2	32	9
Word, Barry, K.C.	160	684	4.3	37	4
Baxter, Brad, Jets	184	666	3.6	31	11
Davis, Kenneth, Buff.	129	624	4.8	178	4
Hoge, Merrill, Pitt.	165	610	3.7	24	2
Craig, Roger, Raiders	162	590	3.6	15	1
Brooks, James, Cin.	152	571	3.8	25	2
Harmon, Ronnie, S.D.	89	544	6.1	33	1
Dickerson, Eric, Ind.	167	536	3.2	28	2
Foster, Barry, Pitt.	96	488	5.1	156	1
White, Lorenzo, Hou.	110	465	4.2	20	4
Williams, Harvey, K.C.	97	447	4.6	21	1
Lewis, Greg, Den.	99	376	3.8	27	4
Clark, Ken, Ind.	114	366	3.2	25	0
Hector, Johnny, Jets	62	345	5.6	47	0
Bell, Nick, Raiders	78	307	3.9	15	3
McNeil, Freeman, Jets	51	300	5.9	58	2
Smith, Sammie, Mia.	83	297	3.6	18	1
Morris, Joe, Cleve.	93	289	3.1	15	2
Allen, Marcus, Raiders	63	287	4.6	26	2
Fenner, Derrick, Sea.	91	267	2.9	15	4
Smith, Steve, Raiders	62	265	4.3	19	1
Williams, Warren, Pitt.	57	262	4.6	21	4
Elway, John, Den.	55	255	4.6	117	6
Sewell, Steve, Den.	50	211	4.2	26	2
Stephens, John, N.E.	63	163	2.6	13	2
Hoard, Leroy, Cleve.	37	154	4.2	52	2
Jones, James, Sea.	45	154	3.4	22	3
Taylor, Craig, Cin.	33	153	4.6	134	2
Gardner, Carwell, Buff.	42	146	3.5	18	4
Vaughn, Jon, N.E.	31	146	4.7	23	2
Manoa, Tim, Ind.	27	144	5.3	44	1
Reed, Andre, Buff.	12	136	11.3	46	0
Worley, Tim, Pitt.	22	117	5.3	16	0
McCallum, Napoleon, Raiders	31	110	3.5	9	1
Metcalfe, Eric, Cleve.	30	107	3.6	15	0
Woods, Ickey, Cin.	36	97	2.7	12	4
Johnson, Anthony, Ind.	22	94	4.3	15	0
Millen, Hugh, N.E.	31	92	3.0	14	1
Dingle, Mike, Cin.	21	91	4.3	21	0
Brown, Gary, Hou.	8	85	10.6	139	1
O'Donnell, Neil, Pitt.	18	82	4.6	22	1
Schroeder, Jay, Raiders	28	76	2.7	15	0
Kosar, Bernie, Cleve.	26	74	2.8	14	0
Loville, Derek, Sea.	22	69	3.1	22	0
Moon, Warren, Hou.	33	68	2.1	12	2
Esiason, Boomer, Cin.	24	66	2.8	16	0
Hollas, Donald, Cin.	12	66	5.5	27	0
O'Brien, Ken, Jets	23	60	2.6	13	0
Thompson, Leroy, Pitt.	20	60	3.0	14	0
Krieg, Dave, Sea.	13	59	4.5	24	0
Craver, Aaron, Mia.	20	58	2.9	17	1
Hunter, Ivy Joe, N.E.	18	53	2.9	9	0
McNair, Todd, K.C.	10	51	5.1	11	0
Allen, Marvin, N.E.	13	50	3.8	11	0
Kelly, Jim, Buff.	20	45	2.3	12	1
Perryman, Bob, Den.	21	45	2.1	6	0
George, Jeff, Ind.	16	36	2.3	13	0
Humphrey, Bobby, Den.	11	33	3.0	7	0
Marino, Dan, Mia.	27	32	1.2	11	1
Givins, Ernest, Hou.	4	30	7.5	23	0
Secules, Scott, Mia.	4	30	7.5	12	1
Jefferson, Shawn, S.D.	1	27	27.0	27	0

Paige, Tony, Mia.	10	25	2.5	6	0
Taylor, Troy, Jets	7	23	3.3	13	0
Ball, Eric, Cin.	10	21	2.1	10	1
Wilson, Marcus, Raiders	6	21	3.5	8	0
Evans, Vince, Raiders	8	20	2.5	11	0
Gagliano, Bob, S.D.	3	19	6.3	16	0
Mathis, Terance, Jets	1	19	19.0	19	0
Aguiar, Louie, Jets	1	18	18.0	18	0
Friesz, John, S.D.	10	18	1.8	11	0
Jackson, Mark, Den.	2	18	9.0	21	0
Bleniemy, Eric, S.D.	3	17	5.7	15	0
Blades, Brian, Sea.	2	17	8.5	11	0
Briser, Bubby, Pitt.	11	17	1.5	8	0
Edwards, Al, Buff.	1	17	17.0	17	0
Brown, Tim, Raiders	5	16	3.2	9	0
Sharpe, Shannon, Den.	1	15	15.0	15	0
Marinovich, Todd, Raiders	3	14	4.7	11	0
Rouson, Lee, Cleve.	3	14	4.7	9	0
Saxon, James, K.C.	6	13	2.2	8	0
Warren, Chris, Sea.	11	13	1.2	7	0
Fryar, Irving, N.E.	2	11	5.5	9	0
Kubiak, Gary, Den.	3	11	3.7	12	0
Perkins, Bruce, Ind.	4	11	2.8	4	0
Lewis, Nate, S.D.	3	10	3.3	9	0
Samuels, Chris, S.D.	2	10	5.0	6	0
Horan, Mike, Den.	2	9	4.5	9	0
Wilhelm, Erik, Cin.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Brown, Eddie, Cin.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Stradford, Troy, K.C.	1	7	7.0	7	0
Reich, Frank, Buff.	13	6	0.5	8	0
Logan, Marc, Mia.	4	5	1.3	2	0
Rivers, Reggie, Den.	2	5	2.5	3	0
Brown, A.B., Jets	3	4	1.3	2	1
Verdin, Clarence, Ind.	1	4	4.0	4	0
Adams, George, N.E.	2	3	1.5	2	0
Hendrickson, Steve, S.D.	1	3	3.0	13	1
Stone, Dwight, Pitt.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Hill, Drew, Hou.	1	1	1.0	1	0

Touchdown

## PASS RECEIVING

### RECORDS

Receptions: 101, Charlie Hennigan, Houston (1964)

Yards: 1,746, Charlie Hennigan, Houston (1961)

TDs: 18, Mark Clayton, Miami (1984)

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	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Jeffries, Haywood, Hou.	100	1181	11.8	44	7
Hill, Drew, Hou.	90	1109	12.3	161	4
Cook, Marv, N.E.	82	808	9.9	49	3
Reed, Andre, Buff.	81	1113	13.7	55	10
Toon, Al, Jets	74	963	13.0	32	0
Brooks, Bill, Ind.	72	888	12.3	46	4
Duper, Mark, Mia.	70	1085	15.5	143	5
Clayton, Mark, Mia.	70	1053	15.0	143	12
Blades, Brian, Sea.	70	1003	14.3	52	2
Givins, Ernest, Hou.	70	996	14.2	49	5
Moore, Rob, Jets	70	987	14.1	53	5
Fryar, Irving, N.E.	68	1014	14.9	156	3
Slaughter, Webster, Cleve.	64	906	14.2	162	3
Thomas, Thurman, Buff.	62	631	10.2	150	5
Williams, John L., Sea.	61	499	8.2	35	1
Hester, Jessie, Ind.	60	753	12.6	149	5
Brown, Eddie, Cin.	59	827	14.0	53	2
Harmon, Ronnie, S.D.	59	555	9.4	36	1
Lofton, James, Buff.	57	1072	18.8	177	8
Paige, Tony, Mia.	57	469	8.2	26	1
Lipps, Louis, Pitt.	55	671	12.2	35	2
Duncan, Curtis, Hou.	55	588	10.7	42	4
Horton, Ethan, Raiders	53	650	12.3	52	5
McGee, Tim, Cin.	51	802	15.7	152	4
Kane, Tommy, Sea.	50	763	15.3	60	2
Hoge, Merrill, Pitt.	49	379	7.7	25	1
Hoard, Leroy, Cleve.	48	567	11.8	171	9
Fernandez, Mervyn, Raiders	46	694	15.1	59	1
Miller, Anthony, S.D.	44	649	14.8	58	3
Young, Mike, Den.	44	629	14.3	152	2
McKeller, Keith, Buff.	44	434	9.9	129	3
Thomas, Robb, K.C.	43	495	11.5	39	1
Lewis, Nate, S.D.	42	554	13.2	149	3
Johnson, Anthony, Ind.	42	344	8.2	24	0
McMurtry, Greg, N.E.	41	614	15.0	40	2
Green, Eric, Pitt.	41	582	14.2	49	6
Barnett, Tim, K.C.	41	564	13.8	63	5

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Dickerson, Eric, Ind.	41	269	6.6	26	1
Brooks, James, Cin.	40	348	8.7	40	2
Mack, Kevin, Clev.	40	255	6.4	22	2
Langhorne, Reggie, Clev.	39	505	12.9	140	2
Sewell, Steve, Den.	38	436	11.5	60	2
McEwen, Craig, S.D.	37	399	10.8	30	3
McNair, Todd, K.C.	37	342	9.2	38	1
Brown, Tim, Raiders	36	554	15.4	178	5
Harry, Emile, K.C.	35	431	12.3	36	3
Jackson, Mark, Den.	33	603	18.3	71	1
Clark, Ken, Ind.	33	245	7.4	23	0
Stone, Dwight, Pitt.	32	649	20.3	189	5
Beebe, Don, Buff.	32	414	12.9	134	6
Holman, Rodney, Cin.	31	445	14.4	39	2
Brennan, Brian, Clev.	31	325	10.5	30	1
Thomas, Blair, Jets	30	195	6.5	18	1
Metcalf, Eric, Clev.	29	294	10.1	45	0
Pinkett, Allen, Hou.	29	228	7.9	136	1
Mathis, Terance, Jets	28	329	11.8	39	1
Birden, J.J., K.C.	27	465	17.2	157	2
Martin, Tony, Mia.	27	434	16.1	54	2
Galbraith, Scott, Clev.	27	328	12.1	42	0
White, Lorenzo, Hou.	27	211	7.8	20	0
Timpson, Michael, N.E.	25	471	18.8	160	2
Taylor, Kitrick, S.D.	24	218	9.1	27	0
Burkett, Chris, Jets	23	327	14.2	150	4
Barber, Mike, Cin.	23	255	11.1	142	1
Sharpe, Shannon, Den.	22	322	14.6	37	1
Chadwick, Jeff, Sea.	22	255	11.6	29	3
Edwards, Al, Buff.	22	228	10.4	133	1
Russell, Derek, Den.	21	317	15.1	40	1
Clark, Louis, Sea.	21	228	10.9	124	2
Verdin, Clarence, Ind.	21	214	10.2	28	0
Johnson, Vance, Den.	21	208	9.9	22	3
Jensen, Jim, Mia.	21	183	8.7	19	2
Taylor, Craig, Cin.	21	122	5.8	16	0
Gault, Willie, Raiders	20	346	17.3	159	4
Baty, Greg, Mia.	20	269	13.5	30	1
Walker, Derrick, S.D.	20	134	6.7	14	0
Davis, Kenneth, Buff.	20	118	5.9	114	1
Jones, Tony, Hou.	19	251	13.2	168	2
Hayes, Jonathan, K.C.	19	208	10.9	23	2
Russell, Leonard, N.E.	18	81	4.5	18	0
Jackson, Michael, Clev.	17	268	15.8	165	2
McNeal, Travis, Sea.	17	208	12.2	36	1
Perryman, Bob, Den.	17	171	10.1	24	0
Craig, Roger, Raiders	17	136	8.0	20	0
Dressel, Chris, Jets	17	122	7.2	22	0
Nattiel, Ricky, Den.	16	288	18.0	170	2
Boyer, Mark, Jets	16	153	9.6	22	0
Williams, Harvey, K.C.	16	147	9.2	17	2
Green, Harold, Cin.	16	136	8.5	18	0
Stephens, John, N.E.	16	119	7.4	24	0
Calloway, Chris, Pitt.	15	254	16.9	133	1
Williams, Warren, Pitt.	15	139	9.3	29	0
Allen, Marcus, Raiders	15	131	8.7	25	0
Smith, Steve, Raiders	15	130	8.7	137	1
Thompson, Leroy, Pitt.	14	118	8.4	32	0
Jones, Bill, K.C.	14	97	6.9	14	1
Smith, Sammie, Mia.	14	95	6.8	12	0
Holohan, Pete, K.C.	13	113	8.7	26	2
Green, Gaston, Den.	13	78	6.0	13	0
Morris, Joe, Clev.	13	76	5.8	13	0
Kattus, Eric, Cin.	12	136	11.3	24	0
Jefferson, Shawn, S.D.	12	125	10.4	29	1
Baxter, Brad, Jets	12	124	10.3	34	0
Cooper, Adrian, Pitt.	11	147	13.4	147	2
Kay, Clarence, Den.	11	139	12.6	32	0
Coleman, Patrick, Hou.	11	138	12.5	26	1
Bernstine, Rod, S.D.	11	124	11.3	25	0
Edmunds, Ferrell, Mia.	11	118	10.7	22	2
Hunter, Ivy Joe, N.E.	11	97	8.8	25	0
Higgs, Mark, Mia.	11	80	7.3	13	0
Fenner, Derrick, Sea.	11	72	6.5	15	0
Jones, James, Sea.	10	103	10.3	29	0
Coates, Ben, N.E.	10	95	9.5	17	1
Butts, Marion, S.D.	10	91	9.1	46	1
Tice, Mike, Sea.	10	70	7.0	16	4
Banks, Fred, Mia.	9	119	13.2	25	1
Foster, Barry, Pitt.	9	117	13.0	31	1
Rembert, Reggie, Cin.	9	117	13.0	123	1
Paige, Stephone, K.C.	9	111	12.3	26	0
Skansi, Paul, Sea.	9	96	10.7	21	0

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Vaughn, Jon, N.E.	9	89	9.9	32	0
Harris, Leonard, Hou.	8	101	12.6	29	0
Mrosko, Bob, Ind.	8	90	11.3	20	0
Jones, Fred, K.C.	8	85	10.6	23	0
Craver, Aaron, Mia.	8	67	8.4	25	0
James, Lynn, Cin.	7	103	14.7	22	1
Cash, Keith, Pitt.	7	90	12.9	20	1
McNeil, Freeman, Jets	7	56	8.0	13	0
Hector, Johnny, Jets	7	51	7.3	16	0
Bentley, Albert, Ind.	7	42	6.0	11	0
Graddy, Sam, Raiders	6	195	32.5	180	1
Johnson, Reggie, Den.	6	73	12.2	31	1
Mularkey, Mike, Pitt.	6	67	11.2	21	0
Bell, Nick, Raiders	6	62	10.3	24	0
Saxon, James, K.C.	6	55	9.2	22	0
Woods, Ickey, Cin.	6	36	6.0	16	0
Martin, Sammy, Ind.	5	79	15.8	25	0
Beach, Pat, Ind.	5	56	11.2	26	0
Metzelaars, Pete, Buff.	5	54	10.8	151	2
Cox, Arthur, S.D.	5	53	10.6	19	0
Glover, Andrew, Raiders	5	45	9.0	18	3
Dingle, Mike, Cin.	5	23	4.6	12	1
Miller, Scott, Mia.	4	49	12.3	15	0
Daniels, David, Sea.	4	38	9.5	19	0
Hendrickson, Steve, S.D.	4	36	9.0	20	1
Whisenhunt, Ken, Jets	4	34	8.5	16	0
Riggs, Jim, Cin.	4	14	3.5	7	0
Mills, Ernie, Pitt.	3	79	26.3	135	1
Carpenter, Rob, N.E.	3	45	15.0	23	0
Dawkins, Dale, Jets	3	38	12.7	24	0
Okoye, Christian, K.C.	3	34	11.3	13	0
Garrett, Shane, Cin.	3	32	10.7	13	0
Thomas, Doug, Sea.	3	27	9.0	11	0
Matich, Trevor, Jets	3	23	7.7	14	1
Gardner, Carwell, Buff.	3	20	6.7	11	0
Ball, Eric, Cin.	3	17	5.7	9	0
Huffman, Darvell, Ind.	3	14	4.7	7	0
Rolle, Butch, Buff.	3	10	3.3	5	2
Perkins, Bruce, Ind.	3	-2	-0.7	3	0
Tasker, Steve, Buff.	2	39	19.5	120	1
Samuels, Chris, S.D.	2	33	16.5	29	0
Anders, Kimble, K.C.	2	30	15.0	23	0
Pruitt, James, Mia.	2	30	15.0	24	0
Graham, Jeff, Pitt.	2	21	10.5	15	0
Henry, Charles, Mia.	2	17	8.5	9	0
Word, Barry, K.C.	2	13	6.5	8	0
Young, Duane, S.D.	2	12	6.0	6	0
Lewis, Greg, Den.	2	9	4.5	7	0
Rouson, Lee, Clev.	2	9	4.5	6	0
Warren, Chris, Sea.	2	9	4.5	12	0
Manoa, Tim, Ind.	2	5	2.5	5	0
Brown, Gary, Hou.	2	1	0.5	4	0

## INTERCEPTIONS

### RECORDS

Number: 13, Lester Hayes, Oakland (1980)

Yards: 349, Charlie McNeil, San Diego (1961)

Longest return: 103 yards,

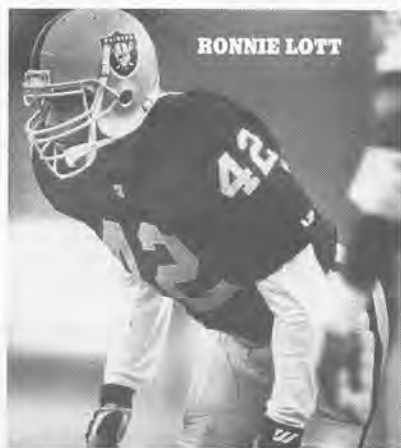
Vencie Glenn, San Diego (1987)

TDs: 4, Ken Houston, Houston (1971)

4, Jim Kearney, Kansas City (1972)

2 or more	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Lott, Ronnie, Raiders	8	52	6.5	27	0
Dishman, Cris, Hou.	6	61	10.2	43	0
Byrd, Gill, S.D.	6	48	8.0	22	0
Odomes, Nate, Buff.	5	120	24.0	48	1
Atwater, Steve, Den.	5	104	20.8	49	0
Oliver, Louis, Mia.	5	80	16.0	37	0
Smith, Dennis, Den.	5	60	12.0	39	0
Robinson, Eugene, Sea.	5	56	11.2	27	0
Talley, Darryl, Buff.	5	45	9.0	13	0
Washington, Lionel, Raiders	5	22	4.4	16	0
Harper, Dwayne, Sea.	4	84	21.0	43	0
Braxton, Tyrone, Den.	4	55	13.8	152	1
Everett, Thomas, Pitt.	4	53	13.3	27	0
Brim, Michael, Jets	4	52	13.0	24	0
Fulcher, David, Cin.	4	51	12.8	127	1
Baylor, John, Ind.	4	50	12.5	32	0
Cherry, Deron, K.C.	4	31	7.8	16	0
Jackson, Kirby, Buff.	4	31	7.8	15	0
McDowell, Bubba, Hou.	4	31	7.8	23	0
Orlando, Bo, Hou.	4	18	4.5	18	0

McMillan, Erik, Jets	3	168	56.0	183	2
Lathon, Lamar, Hou.	3	77	25.7	152	1
Woodson, Rod, Pitt.	3	72	24.0	41	0
Blackmon, Robert, Sea.	3	59	19.7	29	0
Shelton, Richard, Pitt.	3	57	19.0	157	1
Prior, Mike, Ind.	3	50	16.7	37	0
Pearson, J.C., K.C.	3	43	14.3	43	0
Hasty, James, Jets	3	39	13.0	39	0
Dimry, Charles, Den.	3	35	11.7	126	1
Carrington, Darren, S.D.	3	30	10.0	19	0
Daniel, Eugene, Ind.	3	22	7.3	12	0
Smith, Leonard, Buff.	3	22	7.3	22	0
Hurst, Maurice, N.E.	3	21	7.0	21	0
Lewis, Albert, K.C.	3	21	7.0	21	0
Braggs, Stephen, Clev.	3	15	5.0	15	0
Thomas, Eric, Cin.	3	0	0.0	0	0
Brandon, David, Clev.	2	70	35.0	40	1
Hinkle, Bryan, Pitt.	2	68	34.0	157	1
Dixon, Rickey, Cin.	2	62	31.0	47	0
Rolling, Henry, S.D.	2	54	27.0	47	0
Henderson, Wymon, Den.	2	53	26.5	53	0
Vincent, Shawn, Pitt.	2	52	26.0	27	0
Turner, Eric, Clev.	2	42	21.0	142	1
Harden, Bobby, Mia.	2	39	19.5	22	0
Marion, Fred, N.E.	2	33	16.5	33	0



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Goode, Chris, Ind.	2	27	13.5	27	0
Lippett, Ronnie, N.E.	2	27	13.5	27	0
Bussey, Barney, Cin.	2	18	9.0	18	0
Anderson, Eddie, Raiders	2	14	7.0	14	0
Brooks, Michael, Den.	2	7	3.5	9	0
Kelly, Joe, Jets	2	6	3.0	6	0
Richard, Slanelly, S.D.	2	5	2.5	3	0
Henderson, Jerome, N.E.	2	2	1.0	2	0
Kelso, Mark, Buff.	2	0	0.0	0	0
Mersereau, Scott, Jets	2	0	0.0	0	0
Smith, Billy Ray, S.D.	2	0	0.0	0	0
Washington, Mickey, N.E.	2	0	0.0	0	0

## PUNT RETURNS

### RECORDS

Number: 62, Fulton Walker, Los Angeles (1985)

Yards: 692, Fulton Walker, Los Angeles (1985)

Longest for TD: 98 yards,

Terance Mathis, New York (1990)

	NO	FC	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Woodson, Rod, Pitt.	28	12	320	11.4	40	0
Brown, Tim, Raiders	29	10	330	11.4	175	1
Taylor, Kitrick, S.D.	28	18	269	9.6	48	0
Warren, Chris, Sea.	32	19	298	9.3	159	1
Miller, Scott, Mia.	28	10	248	8.9	32	0
Henderson, Jerome, N.E.	27	10	201	7.4	39	0
Johnson, Vance, Den.	24	14	174	7.3	20	0
Mathis, Terance, Jets	23	10	157	6.8	25	0
Stradford, Troy, K.C.	22	4	150	6.8	18	0
Verdin, Clarence, Ind.	25	10	165	6.6	22	0
Coleman, Patrick, Hou.	22	8	138	6.3	24	0

### NON-QUALIFIERS (2 or more)

Slaughter, Webster, Clev.	17	3	112	6.6	17	0
Price, Mitchell, Cin.	14	6	203	14.5	178	1
Barber, Mike, Cin.	13	5	70	5.4	15	0
Edwards, Al, Buff.	13	9	69	5.3	21	0

Hicks, Cliff, Buff.	12	7	203	16.9	59	0
Jones, Fred, K.C.	12	2	108	9.0	25	0
Metcalfe, Eric, Clev.	12	1	100	8.3	30	0
Givins, Ernest, Hou.	11	0	107	9.7	29	0
Nattiel, Ricky, Den.	10	2	43	4.3	17	0
Graham, Jeff, Pitt.	8	2	46	5.8	13	0
Clark, Kevin, Den.	7	1	67	9.6	18	0
Lewis, Nate, S.D.	5	5	59	1.8	26	0
Loville, Derek, Sea.	3	1	16	5.3	18	0
Brennan, Brian, Clev.	2	6	11	5.5	11	0
Fryar, Irving, N.E.	2	4	10	5.0	10	0
Grant, Alan, Ind.	2	2	6	3.0	6	0

## KICKOFF RETURNS

### RECORDS

Numbers: 55, Bruce Harper, New York (1978, 1979)

55, David Turner, Cincinnati (1979)

Yards: 1,317, Bobby Jancik, Houston (1963)

Longest: 106 yards,

Nolan Smith, Kansas City (1967)

TDs: 3, Ray Clayborn, New England (1977)

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Lewis, Nate, S.D.	23	578	25.1	195	1
Martin, Sammy, N.E.-Ind.	20	483	24.2	38	0
Warren, Chris, Sea.	35	792	22.6	55	0
Williams, Harvey, K.C.	24	524	21.8	76	0
Vaughn, Jon, N.E.	34	717	21.1	199	1
Mathis, Terance, Jets	29	599	20.7	50	0
Edwards, Al, Buff.	31	623	20.1	191	1
Woodson, Rod, Pitt.	44	880	20.0	47	0
Elder, Donnie, S.D.	27	535	19.8	42	0
Pinkett, Allen, Hou.	26	508	19.5	41	0
Craver, Aaron, Mia.	32	615	19.2	49	0
Verdin, Clarence, Ind.	36	689	19.1	188	1
Holland, Jamie, Raiders	22	421	19.1	27	0
Montgomery, Alton, Den.	26	488	18.8	55	0
Graddy, Sam, Raiders	22	373	17.0	37	0
Metcalfe, Eric, Clev.	23	351	15.3	24	0

### NON-QUALIFIERS (2 or more)

Loville, Derek, Sea.	18	412	22.9	50	0
Moris, Joe, Clev.	18	310	17.2	36	0
Stradford, Troy, K.C.	14	292	20.9	38	0
Ball, Eric, Cin.	13	262	20.2	24	0
Coleman, Patrick, Hou.	13	256	19.7	31	0
Garrett, Shane, Cin.	13	214	16.5	24	0
Logan, Marc, Mia.	12	191	15.9	31	0
Mills, Ernie, Pitt.	11	284	25.8	54	0
James, Lynn, Cin.-Clev.	11	192	17.5	26	0
Brooks, James, Cin.	11	190	17.3	35	0
Brown, A.B., Jets	10	100	10.0	31	0
Hector, Johnny, Jets	8	172	21.5	53	0
Allen, Marvin, N.E.	8	161	20.1	31	0
Peebles, Danny, Clev.	8	149	18.6	32	0
Fuller, Eddie, Buff.	8	125	15.6	22	0
Dingle, Mike, Cin.	7	176	25.1	63	0
Beebe, Don, Buff.	7	121	17.3	24	0
Russell, Derek, Den.	7	120	17.1	30	0
Odegard, Don Boyd, Jets	6	106	17.7	32	0
Stone, Dwight, Pitt.	6	75	12.5	25	0
McCallum, Napoleon, Raiders	5	105	21.0	25	0
Price, Mitchell, Cin.	5	91	18.2	22	0
Davis, Kenneth, Buff.	4	73	18.3	23	0
Green, Harold, Cin.	4	66	16.5	20	0
McNair, Todd, K.C.	4	66	16.5	18	0
Saxon, James, K.C.	4	56	14.0	23	0
McNeal, Travis, Sea.	4	30	7.5	15	0
Graham, Jeff, Pitt.	3	48	16.0	23	0
Tice, Mike, Sea.	3	46	15.3	20	0
King, Joe, Cin.	3	34	11.3	17	0
Brown, Gary, Hou.	3	30	10.0	16	0
Grant, Alan, Ind.	3	20	6.7	10	0
Clark, Kevin, Den.	2	45	22.5	29	0
Jones, Fred, K.C.	2	40	20.0	26	0
Timpson, Michael, N.E.	2	37	18.5	21	0
McCloughan, Dave, Ind.	2	35	17.5	19	0
Harris, Leonard, Hou.	2	34	17.0	19	0
Paige, Tony, Mia.	2	31	15.5	16	0
Riggs, Jim, Cin.	2	28	14.0	15	0
Harmon, Ronnie, S.D.	2	25	12.5	14	0
Dawkins, Dale, Jets	2	22	11.0	12	0
Galbraith, Scott, Clev.	2	13	6.5	8	0
Hobby, Marion, N.E.	2	0	0.0	0	0

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